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## From the President

# A transformational statement about the health of a campus

In mid-September we gathered in the Great Room of the Joe Crowley Student Union for an important announcement.

On hand were representatives of the E. L. Wiegand Foundation, friends from the community, faculty, staff, students and Gov. Brian Sandoval '86 (foreign affairs).

We were there to announce one of the more transformative statements ever made on our campus: the E. L. Wiegand Foundation's \$8 million lead gift for the construction of the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center.

Gov. Sandoval summed up the moment perfectly: "This University has tremendous tradition," he said, noting that our legacy as an institution has been predicated on helping our students realize their potential "in mind, body and soul."

"All you have to do is to be at this event today to feel the soul of this University," Gov. Sandoval said, with a wide and heartfelt smile. "To me, this is just an embodiment of everything that is great about the University."

Indeed, institutions embrace greatness whenever they go far beyond what is expected of them. This has been one of the mantras we've lived by for the past five years. We've been working to link the "mind, body and soul" of our students through a strategic, sequential focus that has emphasized innovative new buildings centered on the student experience in learning (including the Davidson Mathematics and Science Center and the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center), in residential and social experience (the Nevada Living Learning Community residence hall and the Joe Crowley Student Union) and now, with the announcement of the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center, an emphasis on student health and well-being.

This four-story facility, which will be constructed in the parking lot north of the Brian Whalen Parking Complex and border North Virginia Street, will offer our campus much-needed space for fitness and recreation and will help elevate the campus experience by contributing to the health, wellness and success of our students. This will be a transformative facility, one that will ensure that our campus more fully integrates the wellness of our students into their daily lives. It will nearly triple the space dedicated to fitness and recreation at our University, and, perhaps just as importantly, it will keep our campus at the forefront of a national trend that indicates that as many as three-quarters of all students believe recreation and fitness facilities strongly contribute to their decision to remain at an institution and eventually graduate.

Seen through this prism, the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center becomes more than a fitness center. It will also play a vital role in our continuing effort to grow our student body, to retain more of these students and, ultimately, to see them all graduate in four years from our University. Thank you to the E. L. Wiegand Foundation for its vision, generosity and long-standing partnership, and we thank E. L. Wiegand Foundation board member Mario J. Gabelli for his gift.

Our announcement on that mid-September morning was indeed an embodiment of everything that is great about our University, where a commitment to the well-being of all students is one of our top priorities.

Sincerely,

Marc A. Johnson

President

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University President Marc Johnson, E. L. Wiegand Foundation President Kristen Avansino, Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval '86, Marisa Avansino, Greg Ferraro '85 and E. L. Wiegand Foundation Chairman Skip Avansino '65.

Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

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This issue's cover, shot by photographer Jeff Dow, features University of Nevada, Reno students taking part in one of the many daily CrossFit classes offered at Lombardi Recreation Center. Currently about 350 people are turned away each week from classes at the center. An \$8 million lead gift from the E. L. Wiegand Foundation will help establish a new facility that will nearly triple the space dedicated to fitness and recreation at the University.

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# E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center

## COMPLETES VISION OF NURTURING STUDENTS' MINDS, BODIES & SPIRITS

*By Roseann Keegan. Photos by Jeff Dow.*



**S**tanding in the Joe Crowley Student Union at the heart of the University of Nevada, Reno campus, Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval '86 (international affairs) recalls when the mid-campus area—now a hub of activity—was a simple dirt slope.

On that sunny September morning, Sandoval was on-hand to announce the latest addition to the University's student-centered mid-campus area: the four-story, 100,000-plus square-foot E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center, backed by an \$8 million lead gift from the

E. L. Wiegand Foundation. In December, E. L. Wiegand board member Mario J. Gabelli and the Gabelli Foundation made a gift of \$1.5 million to the project. These gifts will allow for a marked improvement of the fitness facilities Sandoval remembers from his time at Nevada.

"If you wanted to work out then, there were eight universal machines behind the swimming pool in about a 100-square foot area," Sandoval says. "It was hot and it was stinky."

The E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center will be constructed in the parking lot north of the

Brian Whalen Parking Complex and will border North Virginia Street, completing a vision for the University that nurtures a student's mind (the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center), spirit (the Joe Crowley Student Union) and body.

"Learning and development extend beyond the classroom, and the total campus experience significantly contributes to the journey of students toward their future careers and lives as citizens," says University President Marc Johnson. "The E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center





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“In keeping with Mr. Wiegand’s strong belief that self-preparedness leads to exciting innovation, we are proud to make this grant to the University,” says E. L. Wiegand Foundation Chairman Skip Avansino. “The E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center completes the build-out of the new center of campus and we are delighted to play a part in helping University students meet their futures with strength and determination.”

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ation at the University, doing much to alleviate the overcrowding at the Lombardi Recreation Center. About 350 people are turned away each week from drop-in and recreation classes that are at full capacity.

Opened in 1974 to serve a student enrollment of around 4,000—compared to today’s enrollment of nearly 19,000 and growing—Lombardi Recreation was designed to primarily support physical education programs rather than training, fitness and wellness. Once the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center opens, Lombardi





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Recreation will continue to support academic programming and intramural programming, plus serve as the training site for the women's swimming and diving team. Early plans call for its gymnasiums to be renovated and repurposed to provide expanded training space for other Wolf Pack Athletics programs, such as basketball or volleyball.

"With the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center, the Joe Crowley Student Union and now the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center, the final piece in the mind/body platform will be in place enabling our students to emerge in the competitive, multi-dimensional world both disciplined and strong," says Kristen Avansino, president of the E. L. Wiegand Foundation.

## A focus on student health and fitness

The role and impact of fitness and wellness resources on college campuses has become a sustained, national trend, not just a passing fad.

"There is a tremendous amount of research and data that connects student fitness levels to improved cognitive function, academic performance, social networks and engagement on campus, plus a decrease in stress and anxiety," says Jim Fitzsimmons '91 (recreation), '97M.S. (physical education), '12Ed.D. (educational leadership), the University's director of campus recreation and wellness and the Lombardi Recreation Center.

According to Fitzsimmons, who completed his education doctoral thesis on the role of student recreation centers in the recruitment and retention of undergraduate students, surveys have shown that as many as 30 percent of students based their selection of a college or university on the fitness and wellness resources available. As many as 75 percent of students state that recreation and fitness facilities contributed to their decision to remain at an institution and successfully persist through graduation.

Fitzsimmons, who began working part-time at the University in 1992, has witnessed the explosive growth of interest in fitness among Nevada students, along with the humble



beginnings of Lombardi Recreation.

Fitzsimmons thumbs through a stack of photographs from the early 90s, showing students working out in a makeshift gym filled with used equipment from a local hospital and dumbbells he found at garage sales.

They built the gym and the students came—

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Chairman Skip Avansino

paying \$25 each per semester for the facility, which was open two hours in the morning, during the lunch hour, and a few hours in the evening. In 1992, they sold 200 memberships to Lombardi Recreation, much to the surprise of Fitzsimmons and Steve Pomi '80 (special education), '94M.S. (physical education), the University's former director of campus recreation and wellness.

“I remember Steve and I couldn't believe it,” Fitzsimmons says. “We couldn't believe we sold 200 passes.”

From 1994 and on, Lombardi continued to

grow through financial support from ASUN and membership fees. Today, the Lombardi Recreation Center is home to a 25-yard lap pool, dive tank, gymnasiums, racquetball courts, indoor climbing wall, fitness classes and an expanded fitness center. Classes include yoga, Pilates, Zumba, kickboxing, indoor cycling, rowing, TRX suspension training and kayak roll sessions. The price has grown from \$25 per semester in 1992 to \$80 per semester in 2013—still a fraction of the cost of a commercial gym membership.

The Lombardi Recreation Center is also home to the first and largest university-affiliate CrossFit program. Fitzsimmons started doing CrossFit six years ago with several University students and has been competing for the last four years. He placed sixth at the 2012 Reebok CrossFit Games.

Currently, Lombardi runs five to six CrossFit classes a day for 20 to 30 participants and two to three coaches per class. To date, there have been more than 92,000 participants who have gone through the University programs. The classes vary in difficulty level based on the participant's CrossFit experience. The classes promote that functional ability—what you can do with your body—is infinitely more important than how your body looks.

Lombardi is also a CrossFit certification site and hosts several certification opportunities throughout the year. Many of the attendees looking to become certified CrossFit coaches are University students and local community members.

“One of the best aspects of what we do is we employ about 15 students who are certified CrossFit coaches,” Fitzsimmons says. “They are exceptionally good at what they do and bring a knowledge base and energy to the program that is unparalleled.”

Former CrossFit students have extended the CrossFit program to define their careers. One former student, Jared Glover, owns a successful CrossFit gym, CrossFit 702. Two former students are now Navy SEALs.

“We teach self-discipline, perseverance, adherence to standard and never, ever quitting,” Fitzsimmons says. “People need to understand that as long as you never quit, you can never be defeated, and this is a truism for all aspects of life.”



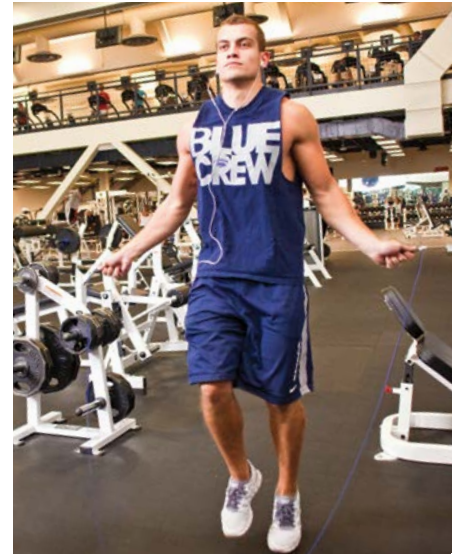
## E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center

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The new facility will feature more than 100,000 square feet of multi-use space, which will help alleviate the overcrowding at the Lombardi Recreation Center, where more than 350 people are turned away weekly from drop-in fitness and recreation classes that are at full capacity.

- **THE LOWER LEVEL** of the new facility is slated to contain fitness areas and three full-court basketball gymnasiums which will also be used for additional indoor court sports. Fitness areas will be utilized for weightlifting, CrossFit and other open gym/group classes.
- **THE ENTRY LEVEL** will contain the lobby, reception, circulation (for sports-equipment checkout), training and instructional space and administrative offices.
- **THE THIRD LEVEL** will include more fitness areas for weights, treadmills, elliptical trainers, Stairmasters, bikes, rowing machines and a 200-meter, 1/8<sup>th</sup> mile three-lane indoor running track.
- **THE UPPER LEVEL** will feature multi-use rooms for classes including mat and reformer Pilates, yoga, TRX, aerobics, indoor cycling, rowing, fusion fitness and Zumba.





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### Edwin L. Wiegand (1891-1980)

Born in Dover, Ohio, on Sept. 10, 1891, Edwin L. Wiegand became interested in electrical phenomena as a boy and studied all the uses of electricity that were then known. After considerable experimentation, he concluded that the use of electricity for heating afforded the most important growth potential for the future.

In 1915, he obtained his first patent on a metal-sheathed refractory insulated electric heating element (commonly known as the electric iron). Two years later, he answered the skepticism that heating with electricity was impractical by founding the Edwin L. Wiegand Company in Pittsburgh, Penn., and in a small room with one employee, manufactured the first successful resistance heating units.

Under the trade name "Chromalox," Wiegand developed and manufactured heating elements for home appliances and industrial uses that are still the heart of every modern electric range, water heater and numerous other electric appliances. As a result of his pioneering genius and achievements, E. L. Wiegand was widely recognized throughout the electrical heating industry.

In 1968, Wiegand merged his company with Emerson Electric Company, of St. Louis, Mo., and served as a director of that company until January 1973. In 1971 Wiegand became a resident of Reno, and shortly thereafter, Miami Oil Producers, Inc. (an operator of oil and gas properties in the U.S. and Canada), made Reno its home base. Wiegand was an active participant in Miami's development of oil and gas properties and served as honorary chairman of the Miami board until his death on April 29, 1980 at the age of 88.

*The E. L. Wiegand Foundation is proud of its long-standing partnership and association with the University of Nevada, Reno.*

### Kristen Avansino

- University of Nevada, Reno adjunct professor
- Guest choreographer
- University of Nevada, Reno professor of dance
- Trustee Emeritus, University of Nevada, Reno Foundation
- University Service Award



### Skip Avansino

- 1965 University of Nevada, Reno graduate
- Assistant Professor, University of Nevada, Reno (1971-1974)
- Instructed in business law, real estate law and accounting
- 1992 recipient of Board of Regent's Distinguished Nevadan Award



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### Intramural sports at Nevada

Flag football, basketball, soccer, dodge ball, kickball, volleyball ... Mike Brooks '08 (health education), '12M.S. (secondary education), says he played every sport offered by the University's Intramural Sports Program.

Now a middle school science and P.E. teacher for Pershing County School District in Lovelock, Nev., Brooks says playing intramural

sports helped him learn how to put together teams and personalities, a skill that helped him after graduation.

"Sports have always been a major part of my life," says Brooks, who also coaches middle school basketball and wrestling and high school football and wrestling. "Intramurals was just a fun way to still compete. I just enjoyed meeting new people and becoming friends. I also liked how it was a student-based activity and not about making money."

During the 2012-13 school year, 2,200 students participated in fall intramural sports, while 1,350 participated during the spring semester, which offers fewer sports.

Sheena Harvey '06 (interior design), member services coordinator for campus recreation and wellness, says intramural sports help provide a sense of place for students who have participated in sports their entire lives, and a way for all students to participate in athletics during college.

“Intramural sports are a really important part of student engagement,” Harvey says. “Everybody is welcome and everybody participates.”

Intramural sports have been on the University campus since the 1930s. In the fall, the program offers men’s, women’s, coed, Greek and residence hall teams for dodge ball, flag football, 5-on-5 basketball, volleyball and outdoor soccer. The spring semester brings softball and futsal (indoor soccer), along with dodge ball and 5-on-5 basketball.

The competition is fun and fierce, Harvey says, with students playing for bragging rights. But sportsmanship is paramount and teams are expected to follow policies and procedures and be respectful and accountable at all times.

“I’m big on sportsmanship,” says Harvey, who played intramural basketball as a Nevada student. “You’re going to lose sometimes and that’s OK.”

Club sports at the University also give students the opportunity to participate and compete in their favorite sports, including winter sports, cycling, rugby, lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee, fencing, basketball, baseball, soccer, volleyball, track and field, paintball and aquatics.

Nevada Cycling Club President Sam Bolster says he chose Nevada because the University offered both the cycling club and his preferred major.

“I got involved in bike racing in high school, so continuing with cycling and racing in college was a natural choice,” Bolster says. “The cycling team gives me a chance to make new friends and have people to race, ride and travel with. Having a comfortable atmosphere where I can meet people with a shared interest is very important. I have met amazing friends and been to amazing places.

“I would have definitely missed out on a great college experience without the cycling team,” Bolster adds.

## The University’s future Fieldhouse

With a campus situated in a part of the state that shivers and swelters through all four seasons, an indoor practice facility is a natural fit for Nevada. The University is currently the

only “cold weather” Mountain West conference school without an indoor option for team practice. The proposed 120,000 to 150,000 square-foot Fieldhouse will support multiple uses including intramural programming and fitness programs for members, plus serve as an indoor practice facility for intercollegiate athletic programs and the University’s Marching Band.

In 2012, Sala Field and Wolf Pack Park hosted 655 student outdoor sports and fitness events, excluding athletic team practices. In the fall semester alone, intramural sports experienced 6,900 student participations. The Fieldhouse will greatly reduce the scheduling challenges for the current outdoor fields and give students more access to recreation, intramurals and club sports.

The Fieldhouse will be one of very few multi-use indoor facilities shared between athletics and campus fitness and recreation programs in the United States. The concept envisions day use of the facility for intercollegiate teams and evening hours for student recreation, intramurals and club sports. Weekends will see use by both intercollegiate teams and student activities.

It will include a full-length, synthetic-grass field for football (full scale), soccer (half scale), rugby and other field sports. The Fieldhouse will include a 307-meter (NCAA required distance for competition), six-lane track with potential for spectator seating along the 55-meter straightaway on one side of the facility. The Fieldhouse will also have sprint lanes for the jump competitions (high, long and triple-jumps), a lobby, multi-use locker rooms, storage and public restrooms.

The proposed Fieldhouse is projected to cost approximately \$25 million, with a construction timeline to be determined. It will be supported by private gifts and potentially by a student fitness fee. Fundraising for the new facility is already underway. An advisory vote in October showed student support for the Fieldhouse and the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center and the concept of student-fee support.

Usage of the facilities will also be available to graduate students, who did not approve the new student fee, through a separate membership fee structure yet to be determined.

“We voted for the wellness of students here

on campus both now and in the future,” says Ziad Rashdan, ASUN president. “By voting yes, undergraduate students showed their support of the University’s mission to embrace a culture of fitness and student success, and leave a legacy for the future, as was done for us with facilities such as the Joe Crowley Student Union and the (Mathewson-IGT) Knowledge Center.”

## Student Health Center

The University has also been taking care of students’ acute and preventative health care needs through the Student Health Center, which was established in 1902 and has been in continuous operation ever since. As an accredited outpatient facility, the center provides

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—Enid Jennings ’01, ’03M.P.H.

a wide range of health care services to meet the needs of the student population. All students enrolled in the University are eligible to receive services.

The main function of the Student Health Center is to provide medical treatment for acute and chronic illness or injury to students and health care maintenance. The mission of the Student Health Center is to provide high-quality medical care to the student





*During the 2012-13 school year, 2,200 students participated in fall intramural sports, while 1,350 participated during the spring semester, which offers fewer sports. TOP: Intramural men's A league basketball playoffs. LEFT: Men's intramural outdoor soccer. RIGHT: Nevada Cycling Club member Erica Greif races in the women's A category.*

## Campus Recreation and Wellness Intramural Sports Program

Campus Recreation and Wellness's Intramural Sports Program offers students several fun and inexpensive sport activities. Fall sports include flag football, volleyball and outdoor soccer. The spring schedule includes indoor soccer and softball. Both seasons offer 5-on-5 basketball and dodge ball.

For more information about intramural sports, visit the membership service desk on the first floor of the Lombardi Recreation Building, or call (775) 784-1897, or visit [www.imleagues.com/nevada](http://www.imleagues.com/nevada).





*Health educator Enid Jennings '01 (health ecology), '03M.P.H. (public health) instructs pre-nursing student Beronica Ramos, also a medical assistant at the Student Health Center, and community health science student Theodros Zemanuel.*

community, promote healthy living, stimulate better health awareness and educate students and staff in therapeutic and preventive care. As part of an institution of higher learning, the Student Health Center participates in the educational process by increasing knowledge and supporting positive health behaviors to promote health and prevent disease.

Services at the Student Health Center include ambulatory health care, urgent walk-in care and health care maintenance. Perhaps most importantly, the center allows almost immediate care on a walk-in basis without requiring an appointment.

"We can often help avoid emergency room visits or at times hospitalizations by providing same-day visits and the ability to monitor patients in our observation room, says Cheryl Hug-English '78 (biology), '82M.D., '85M.P.H., medical director of the Student Health Center.

The Student Health Center staff is com-

prised of physicians, nurses and other health care professionals who handle more than 23,000 patient visits per year.

"Students can be seen for office visits, get prescriptions filled, have their blood drawn and get X-rays done without having to leave campus," Hug-English says. "It's extremely helpful and convenient for them. In addition, the center participates in helping maintain and promote campus safety and is involved in numerous health education programs."

In the earlier years of the University, the Student Health Center operated as an infirmary, with separate wings for men and women. By the mid-1970s, the inpatient hospital services were eliminated in favor of a more comprehensive outpatient clinic. The service was funded with student registration fees until the fall of 1985. For several years, students would pay a voluntary fee each semester to receive care at the Student Health Center. In

the fall of 1995, ASUN Student Government and the Board of Regents passed a mandatory health fee for all students taking six or more credits per semester.

The Health Education and Promotion Program, or HEP, is a new campus program that focuses on primary prevention and provides services for students to improve their health and wellness. Services include health and wellness programs, health resources and outreach services, management of student health data, peer education, publications and trainings. All HEP services are offered free to all University students.

The program, now in its sixth year, is led by health educator Enid Jennings '01 (health ecology), '03M.P.H. (public health).

"There are so many factors in being healthy," Jennings says. "You can't succeed in all the things you want to do if you don't have your health." [N](#)





*Student Health Center medical director Cheryl Hug-English '78 (biology), '82M.D., '85M.P.H. examines marketing student-patient Cristina Beltran.*

## Student Health Center Services

The Student Health Center at the University of Nevada, Reno is an accredited outpatient facility that provides a wide range of health care services to meet the needs of the student population. All students enrolled at the University are eligible to receive services at the Student Health Center. Learn more by visiting [www.unr.edu/shc](http://www.unr.edu/shc) or call (775) 784-6598.

### **TYPES OF CARE AVAILABLE:**

- Primary care
- Women's health care
- Men's health care
- Sports medicine
- Nutrition
- Immunizations
- Pharmacy
- Laboratory
- Radiology
- Health education
- Psychiatry
- Dermatology

### **SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE STUDENT HEALTH FEE [FREE]:**

- Unlimited office visits
- Some lab work
- Some immunizations
- Some minor surgical procedures
- Nutrition counseling
- Women's health services
- Health education materials and presentations

### **ADDITIONAL SERVICES AVAILABLE AT COST OR REDUCED RATES**

- Laboratory testing and x-ray
- Dermatology
- Orthopedic and sports medicine
- Some minor surgical procedures
- Breathing treatment
- Pap smears
- EKGs
- Counseling and psychiatric
- STD testing and treatment
- Pharmacy





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## Foundation Banquet

With more than 800 guests in attendance, the 32nd annual University of Nevada, Reno Foundation Banquet presented by the E.L. Cord Foundation was held Sept. 18 featuring keynote speaker Wolf Blitzer, lead CNN political anchor and anchor of *The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer*. Funds raised from the Foundation Banquet help support University students and faculty. Generous support of the event was also provided by the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino, Thelma B. and

Thomas P. Hart Foundation, Ann Carlson '59 (business), '78M.Ed., Barrick Gold of North America, NV Energy, McDonald Carano Wilson and the Reno Gazette-Journal.

**(1)** CNN's lead political anchor Wolf Blitzer.

**(2)** Former First Lady of Nevada Dema Guinn and Danielle Swanson, Kenny C. Guinn Memorial Millennium Scholarship award winner.

**(3)** Kelly Schumacher-Conners, Brett Coleman '84 and College of Business Dean Greg Mosier.

**(4)** John and Cindy Maher, Cathy Trachok '76 and Regent Rick Trachok '74.

**(5)** University of Nevada, Reno President Marc Johnson and Karen Penner-Johnson with Wolf Blitzer.

**(6)** Jim and Jo Ann Elston '56.

**(7)** Scott Albright '09, Deane Albright '71, Beth MacMillan, John Owens and Karen Ross '90.

**(8)** Ralph Phillips, Julie Sulahria '72, Zeb Hogan, College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources Dean Ron Pardini, Rich Stout '66, Sue Stout, Bashir Sulahria '69M.S., '72Ph.D., Kary Kielhofer, JoDe Kielhofer and Rama Raja.





## E. L. Wiegand Foundation Press Conference

The E. L. Wiegand Foundation announced an \$8 million grant during a Sept. 16 press conference to support the E. L. Wiegand Fitness Center, a four-story facility to be constructed on the University of Nevada, Reno campus, offering more than 100,000 square feet of multi-use space for fitness and recreation. This significant grant will elevate the campus experience and contribute to

the health, wellness and success of students for years to come.

**(1)** University President Marc Johnson, Reno Mayor Bob Cashell '76, GSA Vice President Dave Brackett, ASUN President Ziad Rashdan, Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval '86 and E. L. Wiegand Foundation President Kristen Avansino.

**(2)** E. L. Wiegand Foundation Executive Board Member Greg Ferraro '85, President Marc Johnson and E. L. Wiegand Foundation Chairman Skip Avansino '65.

**(3)** Nevada System of Higher Education Regent Jason

Geddes '90, '95Ph.D., Chairman Kevin Page and Regent Rick Trachok '74.

**(4)** ASUN Director of Legislative Affairs Alex Bybee, ASUN Chief of Staff Richard Corn and ASUN President Ziad Rashdan.

**(5)** Reno Mayor Bob Cashell '76 (center) with Marisa Avansino and Skip Avansino '65.

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## Winter Commencement

Citing a University of Nevada, Reno education as their "greatest possible asset," University President Marc Johnson encouraged the more than 1,400 bachelor's and advanced degree recipients during the Dec. 7 Winter Commencement ceremony to continue a lifelong pursuit of learning, knowledge and discovery. A total of 1,075 bachelor's degrees and 386 advanced degrees or certificates (master's and doctoral degrees and education specialist

certificates) were awarded during the ceremony.

**(1)** Carol Hellwinkel, Chelsea Fricke, Erica Potts, Lindsay Olson, Megan Lee, Julia Cabal, Jasmine Smith and Danielle Usiak.

**(2)** Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism graduates.

**(3)** Master's degree graduates from the College of Business.

**(4)** Proud graduates return to their seats after receiving their degrees.

**(5)** Helmi Hirvela, Krista McCord, Jeanette Junio, Sarah

Clark and Ariel Barrus celebrate their graduation following the ceremony.





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## Nevada Writers Hall of Fame

Richard O. Davies, University of Nevada, Reno history professor emeritus, was inducted into the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame Nov. 14. Silver Pen awards for best emerging writers were given to Christopher Coake, a creative writing professor at the University and author of *You Came Back*, and Tupelo Hassman, debut author of *Girlchild*.

(1) Dick Davies (center) and family.

(2) President Marc Johnson and Silver Pen recipients Christopher Coake and Tupelo Hassman.

(3) Tammy Westergard '87, Martha Gould, Betty Glass and Susan Skorupa.

## Warren Lerude/Laxalt Book Signing

Warren Lerude '61 (journalism), professor emeritus of the Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism and longtime Reno newspaper editor and publisher, released his new biography of Robert Laxalt during a Sept. 25 event hosted by the journalism school, University Libraries Special Collections and the University's Center for Basque

Studies. *Robert Laxalt: The Story of a Storyteller* traces Laxalt's development as a writer.

(1) Warren Lerude '61 (third from right) and the Laxalt family.

(2) College of Liberal Arts Dean Heather Hardy, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers and Dean of University Libraries Kathy Ray.

(3) RANGE magazine editor/publisher C.J. Hadley and Warren Lerude '61.

(4) Judy Nash '65, Cathy Guild '00, Susie McQuaid '69 and Andie Crowell '78.





# Joseph Edward Stubbs

## University's groundbreaking president, 1894-1914

*By Jim Hulse '52, '58M.A.*

In 2014, while Nevada celebrates the 150th anniversary of statehood, the Nevada System of Higher Education can observe a landmark in its history as well. The University of Nevada will mark the 140th year since its beginning and the 100th year since the death of its third president, Joseph Edward Stubbs.

The authors of the 1864 State Constitution directed the legislature to provide for a board of regents to manage a university. Nine years and six legislative sessions later, the lawmakers got around to implementing this mandate. In 1873, they specified that a "University Preparatory School" would be established in

Elko, the four-year-old railroad town about 300 miles northeast of Carson City.

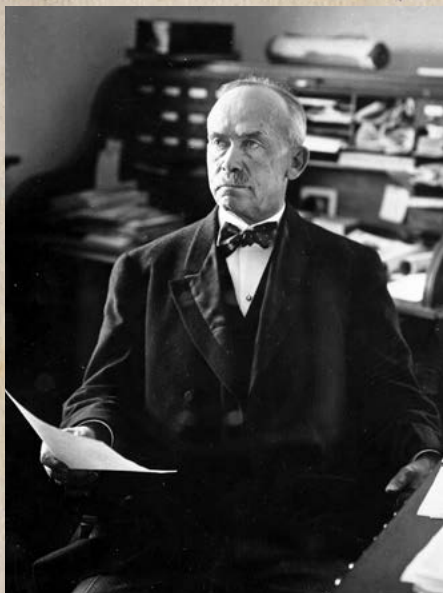
Although citizens of Elko made a noble effort to create the school after 1874, it struggled for a decade with small enrollment. Finally the legislature decided the school had to be moved to Reno, closer to the center of the state's population. It reopened in 1886, but once again the University nearly failed; the first two presidents got only a pittance of support from the legislature. It received slightly more revenue from the federal government because it was a land-grant college.

In 1894, with Nevada's mining and ranch-

ing economy in deep depression, the Board of Regents hired Stubbs, a classical scholar from Ohio, to lead the struggling school. During his 20-year presidency, Stubbs developed a vision about the qualities a mature university should have. He was the effective founder of higher education in this state.

A scholar trained in ancient philosophy and literature, Stubbs brought a vision of how humanistic learning and practical training could be blended. The University could be more than a training school, preparing graduates for good local jobs, and it could also encourage ethical attitudes and social





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LEFT: Joseph Edward Stubbs (far left), the University's founding president, is photographed with his daughter, Elizabeth Stubbs-True, son-in-law Gordon True, and his grandchildren in front of the Mackay School of Mines building. TOP LEFT: President Joseph Stubbs is photographed in his office at the University in 1910. TOP RIGHT: University President Joseph Stubbs welcomes former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt to campus in 1911. All images courtesy University Special Collections and Archives.

services to benefit society. He also identified the institution's physical needs, including laboratories and a library for specialized learning. President Stubbs saw this infant as a seedling that could be nourished to become a vital cultural and scientific resource for the raw frontier state.

The University's Alumni Association was founded in the spring of 1895, during the first year of the Stubbs presidency. Its members soon contributed scholarship funds and helped build the first gymnasium.

The most important gifts of his presidency came from the family of John Mackay. The School of Mines building, the Quadrangle and the original Mackay

Stadium with its field house all began during his later years.

Stubbs was an eloquent orator at a time when speech-making—without a microphone or broadcast possibilities—was a high art. He held the attention of an audience with the power of his voice and the beauty of his rhetoric. Although Nevada was one of the smallest of the land-grant institutions, he became national president of the Association of American Agricultural and Land Grant Colleges.

In 1910, he delivered one of his typical speeches in Goldfield, which was then the most prosperous mining town in Nevada. He was speaking

to a teachers' institute about the schools and the University of Nevada. Drawing on his knowledge of the Bible, he turned to the Book of Job, which is "as modern in its description of mining today as it was when it was written ..." He suggested there were teaching and research projects underway in Nevada more durable than the mines and smelters of this famous boom town.

Stubbs died unexpectedly in 1914, during his 20th year as president and in the 40th year of Nevada's growing university. ☐

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# Brett Coleman

Brett Coleman '84 (finance)

While a business student at Nevada, the professor who was the most influential in my college experience was Nazir Ansari. He taught the most difficult class—Strategic Management and Policy Formulation—a class that I'd heard about since my first day on campus. After my first day in his class, I told him that I intended to get an "A," even if it killed me. I challenged myself and put Nazir on the spot to pay attention to me. Fortunately, I did well and developed a friendship with Nazir after I graduated. We had lunch at least once a year. Each year, I told him that someday I wanted to start my own business. After a few years of hearing the same line from me, Nazir asked when I was actually going to do it. At first, I was rather insulted at his directness, but later realized that he was exactly right. The next day I resigned from my job and decided to start my own business, even though I didn't know what it was going to be. Shortly thereafter, I started Coleman Communities, a residential homebuilding company, which later joined with Barker Homes forming Barker Coleman Communities. Nazir, more than any other person, influenced me to take flight. I'll always be indebted to him for that.

Occasionally in my business classes, we would hear speakers who were entrepreneurs and business owners. I was always excited to learn about how they got started and their business accomplishments, especially the process of growing their enterprises. I realize now the key to success is persistence. There are so many good ideas out there in the world—business ideas, inventions, medical breakthroughs—but to actually follow through on making something happen, that's the challenge that most people are unwilling to face. They give up too quickly. There will be obstacles, but you can't let them deter you from realizing your goals.

As a CEO running a homebuilding company for 11 years, I experienced many challenging

situations and, in fact, financial survival was on the line in many cases. I learned how to approach those situations, maintain my composure and not crumble under pressure. I am proud of the team of people assembled for Barker Coleman Communities. I learned to surround myself with smart people, especially those smarter than myself. We created a culture where people enjoyed coming to work and working with each other. We also developed strong relationships with sub-contractors, suppliers and vendors because we maintained integrity in our business commitments to them. We did what we said we would do. In turn, they were loyal to us when we needed them, which had a long-term positive impact on our company.

To be a successful entrepreneur, you have to be a risk-taker. Many people find it difficult to take entrepreneurial risk. You also need a tremendous amount of confidence that you can overcome obstacles. One of the hardest things for an entrepreneur is to hear people tell you that you cannot achieve your goals. You have to be able to filter out negativity and move forward. Also, be empathetic, whether for the people you work with, your customers or suppliers. I believe you can be more successful when you actually care about people and their well-being.

Plan for success, and for what happens when you achieve it and beyond. When we finally sold Barker Coleman Communities to the Lennar Corporation, it should have been the biggest celebration ever, tantamount to winning the Super Bowl. Suddenly, you realize that it's your last game. You are out of the league and don't get to play anymore. It was quite an emotional adjustment and a bit disconcerting. Afterward, I struggled to find the next chapter.

When you are fortunate enough to have some success, I think it is important to give

back to your community. Years ago, we formed a foundation that has supported many community causes, including the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, Big Brothers Big Sisters, The Children's Cabinet and a scholarship at the University. It's imperative to find a balance between business and truly making a difference within our community.

I was in awe of the entrepreneurs who presented to my business classes and thought, "if only someday that could be me." The dream didn't seem attainable at the time, and I could have used more encouragement as a student. My advice for today's students is to find something you really enjoy and recognize that the dream is attainable. Be confident, focus, follow through and make it happen.

*From a conversation in November with Crystal Parrish, director of corporate and foundation relations. Coleman, a 1984 Nevada finance graduate, is the 2014 Foundation Board Chair. He is a partner in 10K Investments and in several businesses in Reno, Arizona and Texas. Coleman founded Coleman Communities, a residential homebuilding company, in 1994 and later joined with Barker Homes to form Barker Coleman Communities. The company was sold to Lennar Corporation in 2005. Coleman is extremely proud of his five children: Cassandra, a graduate student at Wichita State University; Cristianna '12 (international business), a budding entrepreneur; Dillon, a sophomore at Nevada; and Bayleigh and Logan, a senior and sophomore, respectively, at Reno High School. Coleman has supported many local charities that assist children in need and established a scholarship at Nevada for students with financial need.*

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**Entrepreneur** Proud Father  
Foundation Board Chair  
**Visionary**



*Peter Reed, director of the Sanford Center for Aging for the Division of Health Sciences.*

## Sanford Center for Aging welcomes Reed as new director

In his few short months as director of the Sanford Center for Aging for the Division of Health Sciences, Peter Reed sees tremendous excitement growing around what can be accomplished.

“The staff is actively engaged in delivering services to elders in our community and is strongly connected to the community through those services,” Reed says. “The strength of these programs enables me to focus on building new strategic directions to enhance the existing work and transition the Sanford Center for Aging to the comprehensive agency it needs to be.”

The commitment of University leaders will ensure the center moves on the right path by engaging the aging-related research community on campus in interdisciplinary research to generate the knowledge needed to deliver the highest-quality clinical services and community outreach programs, Reed says.

“We will collaboratively build a thoughtful

plan to launch a new set of clinical services to meet the needs of elders in our community,” Reed says.

These clinical services will take the form of an interdisciplinary geriatric assessment clinic in the Center for Molecular Medicine on campus, which can serve as the single point-of-entry for older adults to successfully navigate the network of available resources to meet their medical needs and support independence through individualized referrals to the many services available throughout the community.

“One primary goal will be to put older adults at the center of this process, supporting self-determination in outlining a tailored approach to best meet their needs,” Reed says.

The synergy of bringing the center’s community outreach, clinical service and research components together in service of seniors will also provide education and training opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students across the division and the University.

“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to join the University of Nevada, Reno, as well as a community and state that are ripe with

potential for partnerships and collaborations to explore innovative approaches to supporting older adults in maintaining well-being, independence and control in their everyday lives,” Reed says.

“Nevada’s population is rapidly aging and has known challenges in its health care and social service workforce in meeting present and future demands. Given these transitions, I believe there is a demographic imperative to bridge disciplines and link institutions, service agencies and providers of all types to foster a fully integrated and comprehensive system of supports,” he adds.

Reed served as CEO of the Pioneer Network, an international nonprofit organization based in Chicago dedicated to promoting a culture of aging that is life-affirming, satisfying, humane and meaningful. Under his strategic leadership, Pioneer Network engaged in research, advocacy and education to foster deep transformation in organizations across the continuum of aging supports and services. While at the Pioneer Network, Reed also served as adjunct associate professor at the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at the University of California, Davis, lecturing on social ecology, program planning and evaluation, health policy, organizational leadership, the aging experience and supporting people living with dementia.

Prior to joining Pioneer Network, Reed served as president and CEO of the Center for Health Improvement, a national health policy research center based in Sacramento, Calif., and as senior director of programs for the Alzheimer’s Association national office, where he led the association’s program division in developing and delivering a wide range of care and support programs for people living with Alzheimer’s.

Reed received both his master and doctorate degrees in public health in health behavior and health education from the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a National Institute on Aging Pre-Doctoral Fellow in the Carolina Program on Healthcare and Aging Research.

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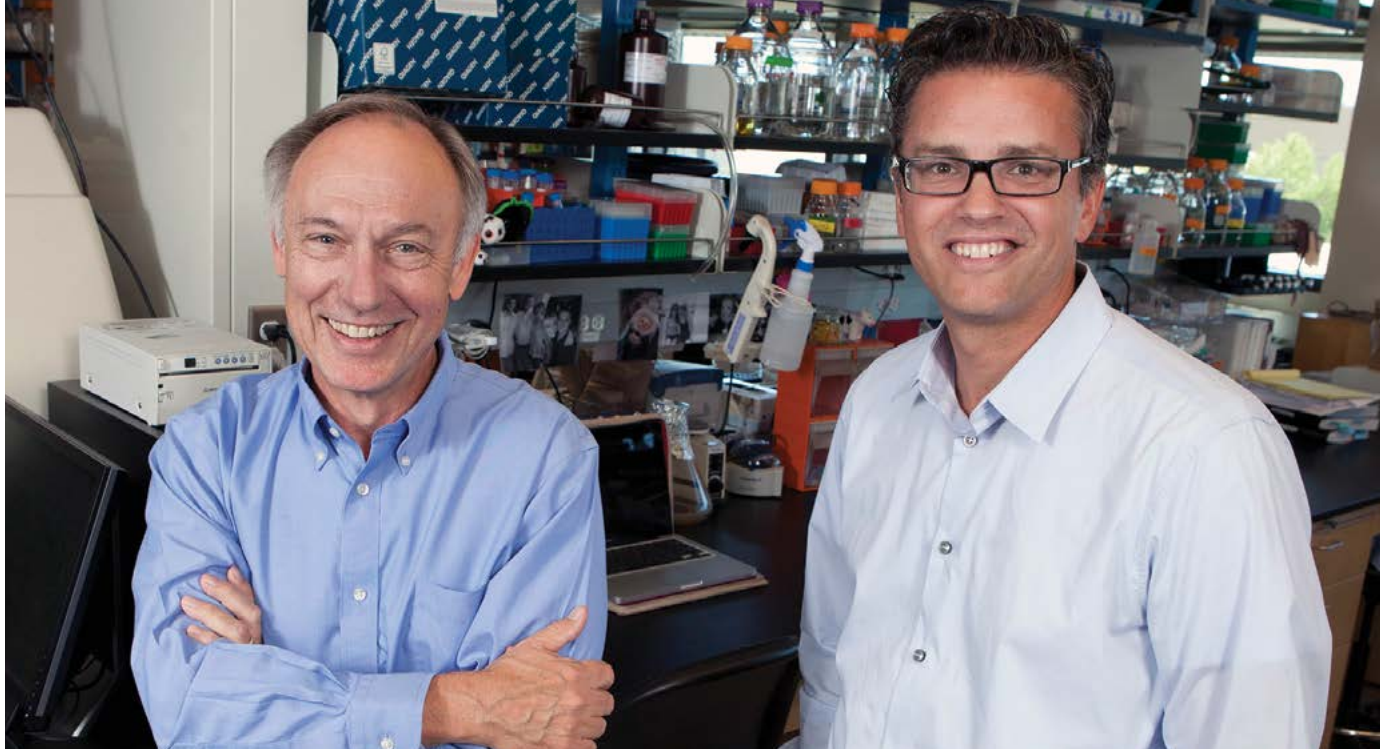


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Thomas Kozel and David AuCoin '00, '02Ph.D.

## Biotech start-up launched by School of Medicine researchers

The work of two University of Nevada School of Medicine researchers has led to the launch of a new Nevada biotechnology corporation based on the University of Nevada, Reno campus. DxDiscovery, Inc. began operations this summer, marking the start of what could be a new dimension of commercial and economic development for Nevada.

The start-up was assisted by the University's Technology Transfer Office in collaboration with representatives from the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) and the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

The core focus of DxDiscovery is the development of medical diagnostics tests for infectious disease using highly optimized monoclonal antibodies. Co-founders Tom Kozel, professor of microbiology and company CEO, and David AuCoin '00 (biology), '02Ph.D. (cellular and molecular biology), professor of microbiology, are both School of Medicine faculty members who have each successfully commercialized some of their research.

"Having a top-tier biotechnology company in Nevada will help eliminate the current 'brain drain'—students leaving Nevada to work for other companies—and will further the economic growth of Nevada," Kozel said.

Kozel and AuCoin are beginning work to develop a biomarker for early diagnosis of invasive candidiasis, the fourth most common bloodstream infection among hospitalized

patients in the United States. The infection carries with it a high mortality rate. DxDiscovery just received a Phase 1 \$600,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health's Small Business Technology Transfer program to further the candidiasis research.

Kozel said his research will seek to detect "something that the yeast sheds" in order to develop an assay, or test, for the presence of the infection. Kozel and his team will request a grant from the NIH to develop that assay into a prototype to diagnose the infection. While the funding for the candidiasis diagnosis is underway, more research projects are also in development under the auspices of DxDiscovery.

AuCoin said the company has a grant request in to the NIH to study sickle cell disease and another, working in conjunction with Iain Buxton in the pharmacology department, has been submitted to detect a breast cancer biomarker. Grant requests to study Lyme disease and pertussis have been submitted by DxDiscovery to the NIH as well.

In addition to generating research with the goal of creating marketplace technology, DxDiscovery is providing jobs for two highly trained scientists, both of whom are University alumni.

David Maine, '10 (environmental resource economics) and a current master's student, was hired by Kozel and AuCoin to be DxDiscovery's acting chief operating officer and chief financial officer after completing his master's

internship project in the Technology Transfer Office.

Maine said Karsten Heise, of Governor's Office of Economic Development, and Doug Erwin, of EDAWN, were critical to the successful development of the company.

"Kartsen offered solutions pertaining to issues with initial funding gaps and local economic development strategies that shed some light into the initial stages of business development," Maine said. "Doug offered his expertise in business plan development and investment strategy, leading to a successful business pitch to investors. Without their assistance, with the combined efforts of the Tech Transfer Office, negotiating the move from a university research laboratory to the formation of a private company would have been more difficult."

Mark Hubbard, '08 (biology), '12Ph.D. (cellular and molecular biology), is a northern Nevada native who was able to keep his education and training in the state by becoming DxDiscovery's principal scientist, after earning his doctorate under the mentorship of Kozel and AuCoin.

"Being able to stay on with an incubator business such as DxDiscovery gives me a chance to stay in Nevada and use my skills here instead of moving out-of-state," he said.

—Anne McMillin, APR and  
Mike Wolterbeek '02



## Fleischmann Planetarium celebrates 50 years

Since the Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center opened on the University of Nevada, Reno campus in 1963, it has become a national landmark, a continuing source of knowledge about astronomy and a place of nostalgia for people in the community.

The Planetarium celebrated its 50th anniversary in November. It has served about half-a-million children through field trips and has served an estimated 2 million public visitors, said Dan Ruby, associate director of the Planetarium.

"The Fleischmann Planetarium has been and continues to be an important resource at the University of Nevada, Reno," said University President Marc Johnson. "It reflects the goals of the University through its research, education and outreach to the community."

The Planetarium has served 30,000 to 60,000 visitors annually throughout the past 50 years, including more than 10,000 K-12 students.

"It's remarkably very similar to the way it was in 1963," Ruby said. "We have daily star shows for the public, we offer a variety of field trips for students in grades K-12, people can wander around the exhibits in the building and we have friendly staff to answer questions."

The Planetarium was originally called the Fleischmann Atmospherium-Planetarium and was constructed as a publicly accessible research facility for the Desert Research Institute.

"It never really matured as a center for atmospheric, but the astronomy aspect really took off," Ruby said. "Beyond being a place to learn about planets, we want to return to those roots and be a place where we are actively engaged in



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*The Fleischmann Planetarium and Science Center, pictured under construction, opened on the University of Nevada, Reno campus in 1963.*

research."

The Planetarium is open daily. For more information, please visit [planetarium.unr.edu](http://planetarium.unr.edu) or call (775) 784-4812.

—Annie Conway, Class of 2015



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*Leticia Servin, Latino outreach coordinator for the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, works with a family in Carson City.*

"Because of the language barrier and the necessity of work, parents have had a hard time connecting with someone at the high school," Servin says.

During her visits and work with the families over the summer, Servin showed parents several tools to help them understand the high school system and help their students. She taught them how to use "Power School," a system for parents to track their children's work daily online. She also showed them the school calendar and taught them how to follow it, and provided Spanish translations of important written information and school handouts.

Servin also spent time helping the parents organize things necessary for school, such as creating a portfolio of important papers necessary for scholarships, grants and employment. She helped them find resources available for low-income families, such as places to look for insurance and other needs.

—Tiffany Kozsan '12

## Cooperative Extension helps Latino students succeed

Leticia Servin, Latino outreach coordinator for University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, spent her summer with families of Latino students entering high school, especially those with limited resources, preparing them for academic success. She continues to meet with the Carson City High School students and families

throughout the school year, helping them to overcome barriers to graduating.

"Every year, the number of Latinos graduating high school is going down," Servin says. "We want the numbers to stay consistent."

Servin visited the homes of 40 incoming Carson City High School students this summer.





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## SUMMER ON CAMPUS: ACTIVITIES, CAMPS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

The University of Nevada, Reno strives to leverage the knowledge, resources and talent on campus for the advancement of the community. The University hosts or co-sponsors a wide variety of summer youth camp programs and other family-centered activities to promote a culture of cooperation and connection. Here's a list of the top northern Nevada summer camps and activities for children, adults and families.

**ARTOWN**, July 1 to Aug. 1, a month-long celebration of the arts in Reno, including programs on campus. Call (775) 322-1538 or visit [www.renoisartown.com](http://www.renoisartown.com).

**CHILD AND FAMILY RESEARCH CENTER DAY CAMP**, June 9 to Aug. 8, for children ages 5-10. Call (775) 784-6762 or visit [www.unr.edu/education/centers/cfrc](http://www.unr.edu/education/centers/cfrc).

**DAVIDSON THINK SUMMER INSTITUTE**, July 12 to Aug. 2, for exceptionally gifted students age 13-16. Call (775) 852-3483 or visit [www.davidsongifted.org](http://www.davidsongifted.org).

**DEAN'S FUTURE SCHOLARS**, June 23 to Aug. 2, an academic outreach program to encourage low-income, diverse and first-generation students to attend college. Contact Mariluz Garcia, (775) 784-4237 or [mcgarcia@washoeschools.net](mailto:mcgarcia@washoeschools.net), or visit [www.unr.edu/education/centers/dfs](http://www.unr.edu/education/centers/dfs).

**ENGINEERING SUMMER CAMPS**, various sessions June 16 to July 25 for students age 12-18. Call (775) 784-6925, email [eboszik@unr.edu](mailto:eboszik@unr.edu) or visit [www.unr.edu/engineering](http://www.unr.edu/engineering).

**FLEISCHMANN PLANETARIUM AND SCIENCE CENTER**, programs and exhibits

for all ages, call (775) 784-4812 or visit [www.planetarium.unr.nevada.edu](http://www.planetarium.unr.nevada.edu).

**GIRLS MATH AND TECHNOLOGY CAMP**, July 13-18, for girls entering grades 7 and 8. Visit [www.unr.edu/girls-math-camp](http://www.unr.edu/girls-math-camp).

**KIDS UNIVERSITY**, June 16 to Aug. 1, an educational day camp for children entering grades 2-8. Registration begins March 22. Call Extended Studies, (775) 784-4062 or visit <http://kidsu.unr.edu/>.

**MOVIES AT THE JOE**, dates vary.

Call the Joe Crowley Student Union, (775) 784-6505, or visit [www.unr.edu/studentunion](http://www.unr.edu/studentunion).

**NEVADA BOYS STATE**, June 22-28, a leadership and citizenship training program for qualified high school juniors. Call (888) 646-6594, email [info@nevadaboysstate.org](mailto:info@nevadaboysstate.org) or visit [www.nevadaboysstate.org](http://www.nevadaboysstate.org).

**OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE (OLLI)**, educational experiences for adults 50 and over. Call (775) 784-8053, email [olli@unr.edu](mailto:olli@unr.edu) or visit [www.oli.unr.edu](http://www.oli.unr.edu).

**READING AND WRITING**

**TUTORING** at the E.L. Cord Foundation Center for Learning and Literacy for elementary students in first grade and up. Call (775) 784-4951 or visit [www.unr.edu/dl/tutoring](http://www.unr.edu/dl/tutoring).

**SMALLWOOD MULTIMEDIA BOOT CAMP**, June 16-26, rigorous instruction by University faculty and staff using multimedia equipment and software in the Mathewson-IGT Knowledge Center @One Department for a select group of northern Nevada high school students entering their senior year. Following the camp, students

will continue to have access to the Knowledge Center's facilities and staff during their senior year of high school. Call Jacqueline Grant, (775) 682-5669 or [jackieg@unr.edu](mailto:jackieg@unr.edu), or visit [http://imedia.unr.edu/knowledge\\_center/Smallwood](http://imedia.unr.edu/knowledge_center/Smallwood).

**PACK PICNICS ON THE QUAD**, Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. July 9 through Aug. 13, free and family friendly, co-sponsored by the Nevada Alumni Association and Summer Session. Call (775) 784-4652 or visit [www.summersession.unr.edu](http://www.summersession.unr.edu).

**SUMMER OF DISCOVERY**, June 22-27, one-week camp for Nevada high school students grades 8-10 with an interest in science. Call the High Sierra Area Health Education Center at (775) 682-5744, email [KrystalTurgiss@medicine.nevada.edu](mailto:KrystalTurgiss@medicine.nevada.edu) or visit [www.highsierraahc.org](http://www.highsierraahc.org).

**UPWARD BOUND**, a free college preparatory program for qualified students. Call (775) 784-4978 or visit [www.unr.edu/upward-bound](http://www.unr.edu/upward-bound).

**WOLF PACK SPORTS CAMPS**, including football, baseball, basketball, golf, soccer, softball and volleyball camps; call (775) 784-4062 or visit [www.unr.edu/sportscamps](http://www.unr.edu/sportscamps).



## SUMMER CAMPS AT LAKE TAHOE

**THE NEVADA 4-H CAMP** is owned and operated by the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension. The camp sits on 32 shoreline acres on the south shore of Lake Tahoe and is available for rental year round. Contact the Nevada 4-H Camp at (775) 588-6943 or visit [www.unce.unr.edu/4H/camp](http://www.unce.unr.edu/4H/camp).

**58TH ANNUAL LAKE TAHOE MUSIC CAMP** for musicians entering grades 8-12, dates available at [www.unr.edu/ltrmc](http://www.unr.edu/ltrmc). Contact Chris Money at Extended Studies, (775) 784-4046 or [cmoney@unr.edu](mailto:cmoney@unr.edu).

**NEVADA GIRLS STATE**, June 29 to July 5, leadership and citizenship training program for qualified high school. Contact Daela Gibson at (775) 224-0073 or [nevadagirlsstate@gmail.com](mailto:nevadagirlsstate@gmail.com), or visit [www.nevadagirlsstate.net](http://www.nevadagirlsstate.net).

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*Michael Yackira, chief executive officer and president of NV Energy, and Jeff Ceccarelli '76, who retired in 2012 after 40 years with NV Energy.*

Michael Yackira, chief executive officer and president of NV Energy, says the University should be congratulated on its leadership and vision in bringing such valuable programs to northern Nevada and the region.

"The University continues to provide an important leadership role in developing the expertise and research needed to make Nevada the recognized authority on renewable energy programs and research," Yackira says.

Last year, the renewable energy program was renamed in honor of longtime NV Energy executive and Nevada alumnus Jeff Ceccarelli '76 (civil engineering), who retired in 2012 after 40 years with the company. Ceccarelli is a member of the College of Engineering Advisory Board and an emeritus member of the Alumni Council. In 2009, he was honored as the Nevada Alumni Association's Alumnus of the Year.

To learn more about supporting the College of Engineering, please contact Mui Condon '02, assistant director of development, (775) 682-6015 or ngu@unr.edu.

## NV Energy pledges \$450,000 to renewable energy studies

The NV Energy Foundation, a longtime champion of the University of Nevada, Reno, has pledged an additional \$450,000 in continued support of the Jeff Ceccarelli Renewable Energy Program and the University's efforts to promote renewable energy education and research.

"NV Energy's support over the past several years has helped to pioneer the University's effort to become a leader in renewable energy de-

velopment research, education and outreach," says University President Marc Johnson.

This new commitment brings the total NV Energy Foundation funding to \$2 million since the inception of the program in 2007. Support from NV Energy and other organizations, along with collaborative efforts with other educational institutions, have enabled the University of Nevada, Reno, to obtain more than \$17 million for renewable energy research.



*Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas*

**Redfield Foundation salutes National Merit Scholars**—Recipients of the Nell J. Redfield Foundation Scholarship for University of Nevada, Reno National Merit Scholars were honored at a Morrill Hall reception Sept. 11. The Redfield Foundation established the scholarship program at the University in 2010 with a commitment to sponsor 20 National Merit Scholars, the University's most prestigious award. Each Redfield Scholar receives \$15,000 per year for four years. To learn more about supporting the University's National Merit Scholarship Program, please contact John Carothers, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, (775) 784-1352 or jcarothers@unr.edu. ABOVE: Redfield scholars Connie Duong, Andy Shao, Shay Daylami, Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers, scholar Marissa Crook, Redfield trustee Jeane Jones, scholar Lisa Bryant, President Marc Johnson, Redfield trustee Jerry Smith and scholars Erik Jensen, Emma Beebe, Jacob Fisk, Emily Gadbois and Timothy Grunert. Not pictured: Redfield scholars Dallas Ahrens and Michelle Duggan.



# Mackay School alumnus and wife give to the 'school that made this good life possible'

Don Jenkins '50 (geological engineering) and his wife, Jeannette, believe in giving back to the institutions and communities that have impacted their lives.

The couple has established the Jenkins Family Scholarship Endowment and the Jenkins

*Stories by Roseann Keegan, associate editor and senior writer for Development and Alumni Relations*

Family Endowment for Geological Engineering in gratitude to Don's alma mater, the "school that made this good life possible," Don says.

The Jenkins Family Scholarship Endowment benefits an undergraduate or graduate student in geological engineering and was first awarded this fall. The Jenkins Family Endowment for Geological Engineering will provide

support to the Department of Geological Engineering and will be funded through a planned gift from the couple's estate.

"What finer use could be found for the funds remaining in our trusts after our family has been provided for? Better to put those funds back in circulation for the betterment of the University that made their accumulation possible," Don says.

Don was a World War II veteran when he arrived on campus. He earned his degree, but was unable to participate in commencement ceremonies in favor of accepting a job with the Anaconda Copper Company in Butte, Mont. He later moved to a career in electronics. He worked as the district manager of Atlas Copco Eastern Inc. before moving to Knoxville, Tenn., where he joined Jedonco Inc. as a sales



Courtesy of Jenkins family

*Jeannette and Don Jenkins '50 have established two new endowments in their family's name.*

engineer, eventually becoming president of the company.

For more information on planned giving opportunities, please contact Lisa M. Riley, Esq., director of the Office of Planned Giving, at (775) 682-6017 or [lriley@unr.edu](mailto:lriley@unr.edu). To learn more about supporting the College of Science and Mackay School, please contact Char Hagemann, director of development, (775) 682-8791 or [chagemann@unr.edu](mailto:chagemann@unr.edu).

## Wells Fargo Scholars honored

The annual Wells Fargo First Generation Scholarship Luncheon was held Oct. 29 in the Clark Room of Morrill Hall to honor 21 scholarship recipients, their families and the goodwill of Wells Fargo Bank. First Generation Scholars represent the first generation of their families to attend college.

Scholarship recipients receive an annual award of \$3,500 each of their four years of college with satisfactory progress. Since 1988, Wells Fargo Bank has provided more than \$950,000 in support of Nevada students.

To learn more about supporting scholarships at the University of Nevada, Reno, please contact Keiko Weil '87, director of Donor Relations, (775) 682-5964 or [kweil@unr.edu](mailto:kweil@unr.edu).



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*BACK ROW: Vice President of Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers, Jennifer Mendez, Kalie Hossick, Elizabeth Sims, Taylor Martinez, Wells Fargo Bank Regional Area President Sean French, Heather Gilmore, Astrid Perez, Yessica Soto and Jesus Flores-Padilla. FRONT ROW: Kai Carl, Amanda Flores, Mary Quiroga, Gemma Beltran, Josue Gaytan-Garcia, Jannet Roman, Jeannette Martinez and Vicente (Wowie) Gapuz.*





*Phil and Jennifer Satre '80M.Ed., Gov. Brian Sandoval '86, Chief Justice Kristina Pickering and President Marc Johnson at the National Judicial College's 50th anniversary celebration.*

## University and Reno are the epicenter for education of nation's judiciary

Quick quiz: For the better part of 50 years, the epicenter for programs that have led to the education and the improvement of the performance of the judiciary in the United States has run through:

- The Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) in Washington, D.C.
- The Ninth Circuit of Appeals in San Francisco, Calif.
- The University of Nevada, Reno in Reno, Nev.

If you picked SCOTUS, or the Ninth Circuit, you would be wrong. The University is home to the National Judicial College (NJC), which received funding from the Max C. Fleishmann Foundation for operations and held courses on campus for the first time in 1965 and has been housed on campus continuously since then. Since 1969, the University has also been home to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). In 2012 alone, the NCJFCJ trained nearly 12,000 judges, magistrates, commissioners, attorneys and other juvenile and family court-related profes-

sionals. The National Judicial College offers an average of 90 courses/programs annually with more than 3,500 judges attending from all 50 states and more than 150 countries and serves more than 4,000 judicial officers annually through 30 to 40 web events each year.

Linking the two entities have been three graduate degree programs offered by the University through its Judicial Studies Program that have provided a formal academic setting for trial judges, administrative law judges, and juvenile and family court judges.

"These two entities are proud of the fact that they're on this campus," says longtime University Sociology Professor Jim Richardson, who has coordinated the shared Judicial Studies degree programs. "Having the NJC and the National Council on our campus makes us unique in the country. No other university has something like this."

For 25 years, Richardson has been one of the ties that have helped tether the two organizations to the University as director of the Judicial Studies Program.

The graduate degree program's impact has been impressive: More than 125 judges have

received either master's or Ph.D.'s from the joint degree program; more than 60 percent have had their theses published, and cited by state legislatures and in case law; its participants come from more than 40 states.

"We have faculty who are scattered over the country (as well as University faculty who teach on letters-of-appointment), we have judges who are our students who are scattered all over the country," Richardson says. "It's a very serious degree program that has done a lot of good. There's no question it has improved judges' lives and judges' performances."

On Sept. 10, the NJC held a 50th anniversary reception in the Joe Crowley Student Union honoring five decades of judicial excellence. More than 200 people attended, including Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval '86 (foreign affairs). Other key attendees included NJC founder Ernest Friesen, the college's first dean; the Hon. Laurance Hyde, a member of the college's first class; the Hon. James Richards; as well as William Dressel, the NJC's president, who is retiring.

Mari Kay Bickett '73 (management), chief executive officer of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, has a unique perspective on the role of the NJC and the National Council. In addition to her current position, she also worked as a program attorney and was the first academic dean for the NJC in the late 1980s.

"We're kind of the light under the bushel," Bickett says. Her organization's office is located in the Continuing Education Building, across the street from the main campus on Virginia Street. "We have an impact that some people may not realize. Both organizations have had a strong impact on northern Nevada. We have an \$18 million (annual) economic impact on Nevada, and the NJC has around an \$11 million impact. We support the University and the University has always been good to us."

*—John Trent '85/'87, '00M.A.*

Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas



Photo by Jeff Dow

## Top tier again for University of Nevada, Reno

*U.S. News and World Report* has again named the University to the top tier of “best national universities” in its annual “best colleges” rankings.

“The University’s continued ranking in the top tier is a statement about the graduates we produce, the quality of our faculty and their world-improving research and creativity, and the commitment of our faculty and staff to the success of our students,” said University President Marc Johnson. “This has important implications: our students are the next generation of entrepreneurs and creative and cultural leaders who will fuel Nevada’s economic

development and quality of life.”

In developing its rankings, *U.S. News* surveys more than 1,600 universities and colleges. Schools in the “best national universities” category offer a full range of undergraduate majors, masters and doctoral degrees and are committed to a productive research program. Ranked No. 181, the University of Nevada, Reno joins 205 other universities ranked in the top tier.

In addition to the University’s overall ranking, the College of Engineering and the College of Business are again ranked among the “best colleges” in this year’s survey of

*Ranked in the top tier of “best national universities,” the University of Nevada, Reno features several gathering places for students including the historic Quad.*

undergraduate programs.

The *U.S. News* measures include a national peer-assessment survey with university leaders, graduation rate performance, faculty resources, student selectivity and preparedness, financial resources, alumni giving and a reputation rating based on input of high-school counselors.

### LOOK ONLINE

The *U.S. News* Best Colleges 2013 rankings are available at <http://www.usnews.com>

— Jane Tors '82

## Enrollment numbers steadily increase as students also increase course loads

Including its largest and most diverse freshmen class ever, the University welcomed 18,776 undergraduate and graduate students to campus this fall. This reflects a 3 percent increase over the fall 2012 enrollment of 18,227.

Students are continuing to embrace a culture of completion as is evident with a 3.4 percent increase in full-time equivalent students, which indicates more students are taking 15 or more credits a semester. This fall, 14,830 students are taking the minimum number of credits needed to graduate in four years.

“As the University continues to grow, it is important for us to stress student success and the students’ ultimate goal of graduation,” said University President Marc Johnson. “In addition to ongoing improvement of our nationally ranked programs and services, our focus is to make sure students understand what is needed to walk across the stage and receive a diploma in four years’ time.”

In his annual “State of the University” address delivered in October, Johnson told the campus that increased student enrollment, the hiring of additional faculty, a concerted

effort to double the national impact of University research and the fostering of a the “college town” concept between the University and the community are all priorities for the state’s land-grant institution.

“It is also important to remember that we are doing this as we continue to stress the remarkable student experience that our students have during their time at our University,” he said.

—Nicole Shearer '03 and John Trent '85/'87,'00M.A.





*Kristina Klette of Hamilton Robotics demonstrates the robotic, automated liquid-handling station in a new University-based lab.*

provide an unprecedented training opportunity for our students, which will give them a competitive edge when they enter the job market.”

Hamilton is a worldwide leader in manufacturing robotic systems used in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries for high-production drug development. The workstations in the Hamilton Center for Laboratory Automation will perform tasks in minutes that would take technicians hours or even days to complete, without the risk of human error associated with repetitive and tedious motions.

“Hamilton is thrilled to take part in educating the young scientists and clinicians of the future, especially within our own backyard,” said Jose Carle, vice president at Hamilton Robotics, a division of the Hamilton Company. “Not only does this opportunity provide a unique learning experience for the students, it also gives Hamilton new insights into the needs and expectations of potential future customers. In addition, it provides a broader employment pool when we look for talented researchers and technicians to be a part of our company.”

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

## Collaboration in robotic, biochemistry research creates student learning opportunity

Students and faculty are exploring new robotic innovations and accessing state-of-the-art laboratory automation systems through a collaboration with the Hamilton Company, a Reno-based, international robotic-manufacturing company.

The College of Agriculture, Biotechnology and Natural Resources has provided laboratory space in the Howard Medical Sciences building for several automated liquid handling stations where Hamilton aims to develop new cell-based, protein-based and nucleic

acid-based applications for their workstations. Faculty researchers, post-doctoral students, and undergraduate and graduate students are being trained to use the high-throughput and complex instruments, that use precision robotic arms to automate a wide range of laboratory tasks.

“This project has the potential to increase the research productivity at the University and could lead to new research opportunities,” said David Shintani, biochemistry professor and associate dean of the college. “It will also

## City of Reno declares ‘Wolf Pack Fridays’

With a proclamation of “Wolf Pack Fridays,” Reno Mayor Bob Cashell and the Reno City Council are encouraging the community to wear blue, University-logoed clothing on Fridays. During Homecoming Week in October, the City of Reno further exemplified Wolf Pack spirit by changing the lights in the downtown arch to blue.

“Turning our famous Reno Arch blue shows the town’s support for our Wolf Pack teams and generates great community spirit,” Cashell said. “Reno is a true university town.”



## Laxalt biography tells story of a storyteller

Warren Lerude '61 (journalism), professor emeritus at the University's Donald W. Reynolds School of Journalism, bestselling author, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and friend of Robert Laxalt for more than 30 years, has captured the story of the acclaimed Nevada writer and celebrated Basque-American citizen in *Robert Laxalt: The Story of a Storyteller*, published by the University's Center for Basque Studies.

Laxalt's daughter Monique (Nicky) compares the warm, intimate and detailed account to her father's 1957 classic, *Sweet Promised Land*, saying both books were the products of great love for the subject—in her father's case, his father, Dominique—and that both will stand the test of time.

"There is no one better suited to tell the story

of a great storyteller than someone who fits that description himself," said President Emeritus Joe Crowley.

Laxalt, whose journalism, creative nonfiction and fiction made him an international literary figure, is the most acclaimed writer to hail from the state of Nevada in modern times. *Sweet Promised Land* not only brought to life the immigrant experience of the Basques, it served as an exemplary story for all immigrants to the United States. Laxalt went on to found and head the University of Nevada Press and to write many more popular and critically acclaimed books.

Lerude admits the project kept him awake many nights, and that through the process he



*Robert Laxalt: The Story of a Storyteller*

learned much about his close friend, as he dug around in notes, letters and manuscripts and spoke with innumerable people who knew the writer professionally and personally. His resulting biography focuses on Laxalt's small town upbringing in Carson City, military service, courtship and marriage to his beloved wife Joyce (to whom his books were dedicated) and development as a journalist and writer.

For the Center for Basque Studies, the biography is the inaugural book in a new series, Basque Originals, which presents lively and informative books on a variety of subjects relating to the experience of being Basque and Basques around the world.

*Robert Laxalt: The Story of a Storyteller* is available for purchase at the Nevada Wolf Shop in the Joe Crowley Student Union, Sundance Books in Reno or online at [www.basquebooks.myshopify.com](http://www.basquebooks.myshopify.com).

—Daniel Montero

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*The environmentally friendly design of the University's newest residence hall, known as Nevada Hall, has been recognized by the U.S. Green Building Council.*

## Nevada Living Learning Community receives silver LEED distinction

The Nevada Living Learning Community, which opened fall 2012, has been awarded Silver certification for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Also known as Nevada Hall, the \$32.5 million, 124,000 square-foot facility is the University's newest residence hall, accommodating 320 students.

Environmentally green buildings like the Nevada Living Learning Community are awarded LEED certificates by meeting standards such as design efficiency and innovation, site placement, construction, water efficiency, indoor air quality and sustainability. The Nevada Living Learning Community was designed to achieve the Silver certification by LEED Accredited Professional Peter Grove of Collaborative Design Studios and built by West Coast Contractors.

Living learning communities combine student learning with on-campus residential living. Students of similar majors are placed in the same living area to promote teamwork and study habits amongst fellow classmates. Nevada Hall includes faculty offices and four classrooms to further support student-teacher interactions.

The Nevada Living Learning Community is the University's second LEED-certified building. The first, the Marguerite Wattis Petersen Athletic Academic Center, was built in 2009.

—Patrick Harris, Class of 2014

## Faces on the Quad



**ALEX BYBEE'S** interest in world affairs and politics has led him to several roles, from state president for the Nevada Association of Student Councils while attending Bonanza High School in Las Vegas, to chairman and youth legislator for the Nevada Youth Legislature, and director of legislative affairs for the Associated Students of the University of Nevada (ASUN). Bybee has received numerous scholarships, including the Senator Valerie Wiener Nevada Youth Legislature Scholarship, the University's Lillian Evansen Political Science Scholarship and the ASUN Senator Raggio Scholarship. He was recently awarded the Regents Higher Education Opportunity Award. Bybee, who serves as a career mentor at the University's Career Studio, plans to graduate in 2016 with a degree in political science and government.

**CAMERON CHAPPELL** is a mechanical engineering major, and math, Spanish and tentative music minor, with plans to graduate from the University in spring 2015. Last summer, he put his varied interests and talents to work through an internship with piano manufacturer Steinway & Sons in Long Island City, N.Y. He maintained quality control, as he states, "for all of the parts that go into making the action of the piano." The 10-week summer internship provided Chappell a new perspective and appreciation for both engineering and music, and may have been a first step in a career direction. A graduate of Golden Sierra High School in Garden Valley, Calif., Chappell participates in community outreach with the College of Engineering's Mobile Engineering Education Laboratory. He said the University has been the perfect place, allowing him to meld his skills in engineering with his creativity in language, music and adventure.



**JORDAN DOBRICH**, a Wolf Pack Football team captain and linebacker, has been named to the 2013-14 Capital One Academic All-District Football Team. Dobrich, a sophomore who carries a 3.85 grade point average in neuroscience, is one of 23 honorees named to represent District VIII, which spans football programs across the Western United States. Dobrich is a graduate of Paradise High School in Magalia, Calif.

**GREGRETTE PERRY** has mentored high school students through the All Students College Educated in Nevada Today, or ASCENT, and the Dean's Future Scholars program. She is also involved in University programs such as Sisters on a Move and the TRiO Scholars Program. Perry has a bachelor's degree in human development and family studies with a minor in addiction treatment services. Continuing her education, Perry is seeking a master's degree in educational leadership and would like to pursue a career to create opportunities and support systems for first-generation, underrepresented students. She received one of two 2013 University Balloon Race Scholarships, which are financially supported by University employees.



**CHRISTOPHER ZINTL** is one of 75 German students selected for an international student-exchange fellowship and is the first-ever student hosted by the University through the program. The exchange program, Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX), is a fellowship funded by the German Bundestag (parliament) and U.S. Congress that annually provides 75 American and 75 German young professionals the opportunity to spend time in each other's countries to study, work as an intern and live with host families on a cultural immersion program. Zintl, 22, specializes in mortgage and real estate financing. In Germany, he completed an apprenticeship for two-and-a-half years and then worked in a bank where he was responsible for six branches and 3,400 customers.

—Natalie Savidge, '04

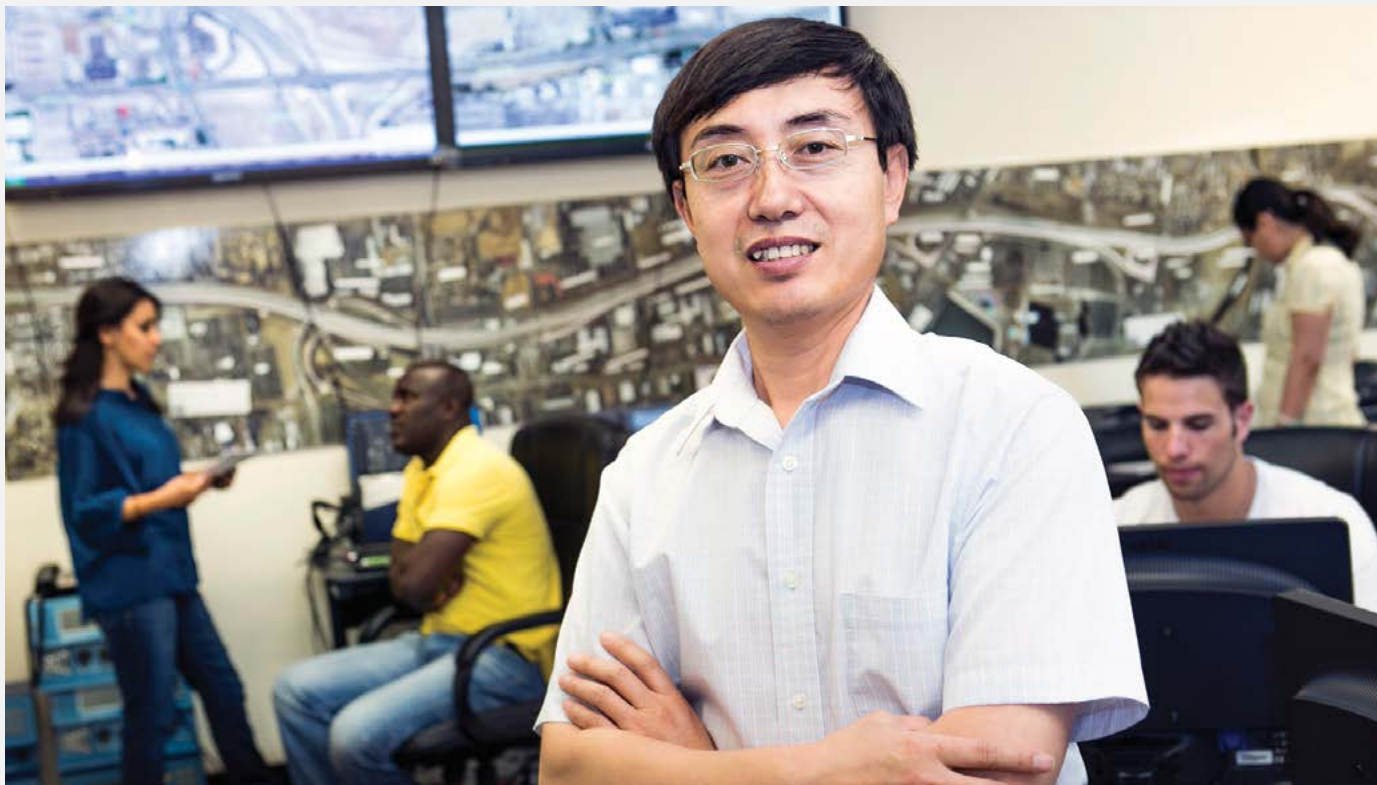


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## Grants underscore Tier-1 expertise in transportation, earthquake engineering

The University continues its leadership in transportation, infrastructure and earthquake engineering, having recently received two Tier-1 University Transportation Center grants from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Research and Innovative Technology Administration.

The first initiative, funded with \$1.4 million a year for two years, promotes intermodal transportation systems for efficient, safe and economic movement of goods and people in parts of the United States where a sparse network connects smaller cities and towns with denser networks of large cities. This multi-institution project led by the University will invigorate the College of Engineering's successful transportation engineering programs that have been supporting Nevada's transportation safety and infrastructure for many years. The new transportation center

study area includes Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona.

"The need for improvements on our infrastructure has been identified as a critical national priority and is an area in which our Civil and Environmental Engineering Department has a long history of achievements and transformative contributions," said Manos Maragakis, dean of the College of Engineering. "This center is a major success of our transportation program and a clear indication of its excellence and ability to address state and national needs."

The University's second Tier-1 transportation initiative will investigate seismic and other extreme load effects on prefabricated bridges used in accelerated bridge construction, a novel technique that allows quicker and more efficient rebuilding of bridges after damaging earthquakes. With a budget of

*Zong Tian, an assistant professor in the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, directs the University's highly successful Center for Advanced Transportation Education and Research and the University's new multi-institutional Tier-1 Transportation Center.*

\$800,000 over two years, the project is an outgrowth of the University's world-renowned bridge engineering and large-structures earthquake engineering programs that conduct innovative bridge design with worldwide impact.

"The world class earthquake engineering laboratory here at the University allows us to investigate bridge seismic performance at a level that no other lab in the country can match," Saiid Saiidi, principal investigator for the University's portion of the collaborative work, said.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02





Photo by Theresa Danna-Douglas

*Reg Chhen Stewart '03M.Ed., '10Ph.D. has been named the University's chief diversity officer.*

## CDO role underscores commitment to diversity, access, opportunity

The University of Nevada, Reno's College Life 101, a comprehensive program aimed at improving student retention, was recently recognized as a 2013 Example of Excelencia by Excelencia in Education, a national nonprofit organization that accelerates Latino student success in higher education. Earlier this year, College Life 101 was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a national best practice program, and in 2011 the program received a CollegeKeys Compact Innovation Award.

Reg Chhen Stewart '03M.Ed., '10Ph.D. (educational leadership), who helped conceptualize and lead development of the University's successful Center for Student Cultural Diversity

and its College Life 101, has been named the University's chief diversity officer, a full-time role signaling the commitment to further accomplish the mission of access and opportunity for underrepresented students as well as the promotion of University-wide diversity efforts for faculty and staff.

"We are demonstrating our ability to lead the nation in efforts toward retaining and developing underrepresented students at the University," said Stewart, who joined the University in 1996 and was named director of diversity initiatives in 2011.

The number of underrepresented students attending the University continues to grow.

Thirty-one percent of the University's fall 2013 student enrollment is comprised of students of color, up from 29 percent in fall 2012.

"Fostering a diverse community and the corresponding mix of ideas and cultures enriches the college experience and ultimately prepares our students to be truly engaged, global citizens," said University President Marc Johnson. "It's rewarding to see our University-wide commitment to diversity continue to take hold."

"It takes University-wide interest and energy to sustain a culture that values diversity," Stewart said. "A significant part of my role is serving as a catalyst to help move the ideas and conversations forward."

An Oakland, Calif., native with family roots in New Orleans, Stewart is the first person in his family to graduate from college.

—Jane Tors '82

## New program boosts students' financial literacy

In an effort to empower students to become more financially savvy, the University has implemented a free program for all students and alumni who have graduated in the last three years. Offered in partnership with American Student Assistance, SALT, which is not an acronym but a reference to SALT being used as currency, is an online resource that makes it simple for students to take control of their personal finances and student loans.

With SALT's unique approach, students and recent alumni can:

- Boost their financial smarts with interactive lessons;
- Track their student loans online at [www.saltmoney.org/unr](http://www.saltmoney.org/unr);
- Find scholarships for which they are eligible;
- Land jobs and internships to increase their earning power;
- Talk with expert counselors for personal student loan help.

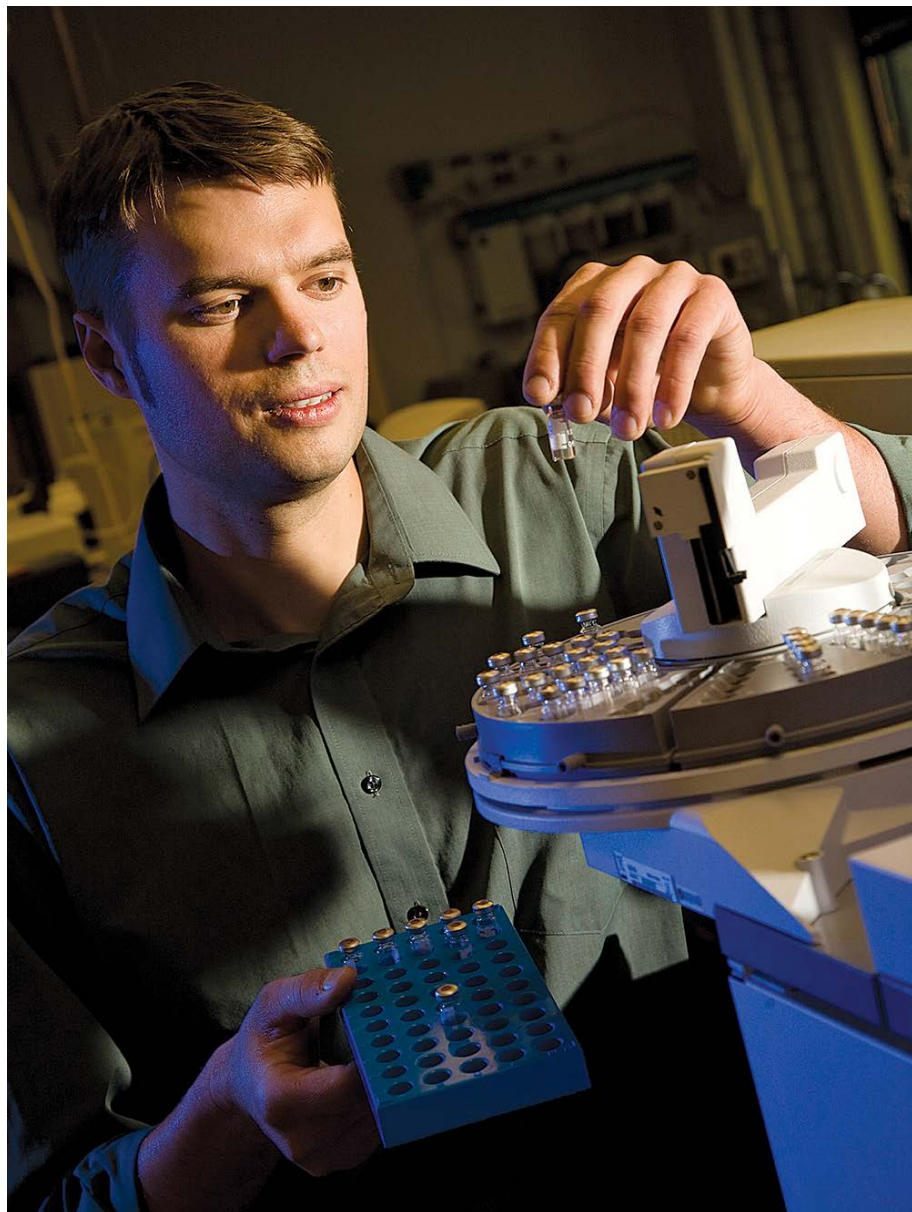
The program offers advice on total financial literacy, not just tuition or student loans. It allows for students to add personal loans as well as rent, groceries, books and other regular planned expenses. The University is one of almost 250 universities participating nationwide.

—Nicole Shearer '03



Photo by Jamie Kingham

*SALT, a free online program, helps students and young alumni manage their total financial picture.*



*Ed Kolodziej led the research team that found a new mechanism where chemicals transform to avoid detection, which may account for unexplained observations of endocrine disruption in aquatic organisms.*

published in the renowned journal *Science*. “Our team found that these substances, after a rapid breakdown in sunlight, are capable of a unique transformation in aquatic environments under various temperature and light-cycle scenarios where the process is reversed.”

Kolodziej, project leader of a collaborative multi-disciplinary research team that includes the University of Iowa and Truman State, said this newly found mechanism may account for unexplained observations of endocrine disruption in aquatic organisms.

“Right now, I’m not alarmed, just concerned and interested in defining the real ecological risks associated with the widespread use of potent steroidal pharmaceuticals,” Kolodziej, who has been studying the effects of these substances on aquatic ecosystems for 12 years, said. “This implies uncertainty with the current environmental risk assessments or ecotoxicology studies used by regulatory agencies, researchers and pharmaceutical companies.”

He said new regulatory approaches may be needed to assess environmental risks of agricultural growth promoters, and similar human pharmaceuticals, following his research that shows this newly found reversion mechanism allows unexpected persistence of the steroidal substances in aquatic environments.

Trenbolone is a federally approved drug widely used by the beef industry to promote weight gain and to increase feeding efficiency in cattle. The drug, although used in the bodybuilding and weightlifting communities and as an athletic performance enhancer, has long been banned for human use and also is banned for agricultural uses in the European Union.

—Mike Wolterbeek '02

## Ag-related breakthrough on anabolic steroid regeneration sparks worldwide notice

Breakthrough research on how anabolic steroids used in agriculture can persist in aquatic environments, even after it has been broken down by sunlight, caught the attention of media around the world.

“We investigated trenbolone, an anabolic steroid, and found that the photochemical breakdown isn’t the end of its life cycle,” said Ed Kolodziej, environmental engineering associate professor and co-author of the paper

Photo courtesy of University of Nevada, Reno





*Women's track student-athletes Samantha Calhoun '13 and Angelica Earls '13 are among the 533 Wolf Pack student-athletes who have graduated in the last eight years.*

The federal graduation rate for Nevada's student-athletes, which doesn't count transfer students, is at 64 percent this year. That number has significantly increased from 47 percent in 2007.

The GSR was developed by the NCAA as part of its academic reform initiative to more accurately assess the academic success of student-athletes. Unlike the federal graduation rate, the GSR holds institutions accountable for transfer student-athletes, includes mid-year enrollees, and is calculated for every sport. This year's mark is based on student-athletes who began full-time enrollment at any school in the fall of 2006 and received athletic aid in their first year of college.

"The continued academic success of our student-athletes signals the strong commitment of our coaches,

athletics staff and the student athletes themselves," said University President Marc Johnson. "We are committed to the 'whole' student.

Just as we want to see our student athletes achieve success in the field of competition, we want them to achieve great success in the classroom, earn a college degree and go on to successful careers." [N](#)

*Pack Track stories by Rhonda Lundin Bennett, senior associate athletics director*

## Athletics Graduation Success Rate remains high

The University of Nevada's Graduation Success Rate for student-athletes remains high at 77 percent.

"The overall trend of our performance in the Graduation Success Rate is strong," said Nevada Director of Athletics Doug Knuth. "Our priority will always be, first and foremost, to serve the academic mission of the University. We are committed to

and continue to invest in the success of our student-athletes and we are proud of their achievements."

This is the ninth year that the NCAA has calculated data for the Graduation Success Rate (GSR). The Wolf Pack was at 63 percent in 2005 and climbed to an all-time high of 80 percent last year. Nevada has seen 533 of its student-athletes graduate in the past eight years.

## Fifth Annual Blue Tie Ball set for Saturday, March 29

The fifth annual Blue Tie Ball, a University of Nevada scholarship gala benefiting Wolf Pack student-athletes, is set for Saturday, March 29 at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino.

The evening raises money for student-athlete scholarships at the University of Nevada and promises a night of elegance, amazing food, wine and fun. Wolf Pack student-athletes will be in attendance dressed to impress in formal attire as they greet guests and escort them into the magnificently decorated Tuscan Ballroom.

For tickets and more information, call (775) 682-6965.



Assistant athletics director for sports medicine Shelly Germann works with former men's basketball player Dario Hunt '12.

flaws that may predispose them to injury," Scott adds. "We can then implement corrective exercises to help prevent injuries and to improve performance. We are in the first year of this program and will be evaluating it on an annual basis. We are grateful to the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation for supporting us in implementing this program for all of our student-athletes."

The Functional Movement System is currently being used by 8-10 NFL teams and gaining popularity with college and high school programs around the country.

According to assistant athletics director for strength and conditioning Matt Eck '10M.A. (educational leadership), the Wolf Pack is already seeing benefits from implementing the FMS.

"We have seen a decrease this year in soft tissue injuries that lead to time missed on the playing field," Eck says. "We are able to address our student-athletes' limitations, however severe, and implement effective corrective strategies to aid the process of increasing athletic performance. The FMS is a dynamic tool that has helped change the way we are programming for our student-athletes' strength and conditioning needs." **N**

## Wolf Pack Athletics using new tool to prevent injuries

Maintaining the health and physical well-being of student-athletes is central to the mission of Wolf Pack Athletics, and Nevada's athletic trainers and strength and conditioning coaches now have a new tool to help prevent injuries.

The Wolf Pack sports medicine and strength and conditioning staff has implemented the Functional Movement System and the Functional Movement Screen (FMS) into its program. The FMS is a tool that allows Nevada's staff to screen each student-athlete and determine where they may be most susceptible to injury.

The brainchild of physical therapist Gray Cook, the Functional Movement System is an exercise philosophy that focuses on basic movements. The screening gives each student-athlete a score for a series of movements and based on those scores, the strength and conditioning staff can design a program to correct the asymmetries, tightness or weakness in muscles that can lead to injuries. It also allows

strength coaches and athletic trainers to work more closely together to prevent injuries and design recovery programs for student-athletes who do suffer injuries.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Thelma B. and Thomas P. Hart Foundation, Nevada's athletic trainers and strength and conditioning coaches were able to participate in a Functional Movement Screen workshop in May and are screening all Wolf Pack student-athletes as they begin their Nevada careers.

"The Functional Movement Screen is used by the military, occupational health, universities and professional sports teams to assess injury risk by evaluating baseline movement patterns. For the last several years, it has been a common topic at national sports medicine meetings and seemed like a program that would offer benefits for our student-athletes at the University of Nevada," says Nevada team physician Carol Scott '91M.D.

"By assessing each student-athlete on an individual basis, we can identify movement

## Wolf Pack fans can win a 2014 Toyota Tacoma

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## Nevada Alumni Council

For 2014, the 27-member Nevada Alumni Council will be led by Ty Windfeldt '95 (*See Alumni Profile on page 56*) and six executive committee officers. We also welcomed four new board members this year.



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# Class Chat



Jean (Guisti) Carbon '68

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## '40s

**Doris (Hanssen) Sinofsky '49** (journalism), at the age of 86, has produced *Never Forgotten*, an award-winning documentary on the Holocaust. The film won a 2013 Telly Award, the premier award honoring the finest film and video productions, groundbreaking web commercials, videos and films, and outstanding local, regional and cable TV commercials and programs.

## '60s

**Irene (Sprague) Aylworth Douglass '61** wrote *An American Woman in Pakistan . . . Memories of Mangla Dam*. The book is a detailed and personal account of 1960s Pakistan where Irene writes about adventure, travel, purdah and more in this land before the Taliban. Irene served on the Nevada Alumni Council from 1990-95.

**Ben Echeverria '61** (chemistry), **'64M.A.** (counseling and educational psychology) is a clinical professor at the Roueche Graduate Center of National American University and teaches in the Ed.D. program in community college leadership. Ben's new book, *Law Practice in Modern Educational Administration*, is published by Fathom Publishing Co.

**N Jean (Guisti) Carbon '68** (home economics) recently received the Association of Fundraising Professionals NV, Sierra Chapter's William H. Williams Lifetime Award during its 2013 National Philanthropy Day luncheon in Reno. Jean was recognized for lifetime commitment to the Reno-Sparks community's nonprofit organizations and her achievements in fundraising, volunteerism and leadership in philanthropy. She has raised funds for more than 30 nonprofit organizations. Jean is the sixth recipient to receive this prestigious award since it was established in 1999. She had a 16-and-a-half year career as a development director with the University of Nevada, Reno.

Jean is married to **David Carbon '72** (accounting). They have one child, **Traci (Carbon) Mendoza '93** (resource management), **'97 M.Ed.** (elementary education), and one grandchild, Kiel Mendoza.

## '80s

**Paul Strickland '80** (English) is a political columnist for *The Prince George Free Press* in northern British Columbia.

**Richard Mitchell '82Ph.D** (English) is an English professor at Alfred State in New

## Wolf Mates



**Marysa (Falk) Stevens '11** (journalism) and **William "Alex" Stevens '13M.D.** were married in Reno Sept. 28, 2013. Alex is a family medicine resident at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash. He is also a captain in the U.S. Army. Marysa is the communications specialist for South Sound Radiology in Olympia, Wash.





Geraldine Anne Corey '80, '85M.A.

York. His latest book, *Before Every Other Fall* (Aldrich Press), will be released in July. The book is a collection of poems. Richard's work has appeared in the *Louisville Review*, *Sky-lark*, the *Cimarron Review*, the *Concho River Review* and the *Wisconsin Review*, among others. His first book, *Speaking of Seed and Night*, was published by Chiron Press.

**Geraldine Anne Corey '80** (political science), '85M.A. (political science) was born in Palo Alto, Calif., and attended the University of Nevada, Reno in 1967. After raising her children, she returned to complete her degrees. Gerry worked for Joe Crowley as a teaching assistant in 1981 and 1982. Gerry worked on the John Anderson campaign in Nevada and

after graduation was a key northern Nevada staff member of the first successful Harry Reid senate campaign in 1986. While in Reno, Gerry enjoyed running with the Silver State Striders and won several mother/son division awards at the Journal Jog. Gerry relocated to Scottsdale, Ariz., in 1989. Prior to her recent retirement, Gerry worked at Arizona State University for 24 years, including the last 18 years as a dean in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. At ASU, Gerry served under Provost Milt Glick, the late president of the University of Nevada. Gerry has been married to her husband, Bruce, for 44 years and they have two sons and two grandchildren. More than 100 friends and colleagues attended Gerry's retirement breakfast at ASU.

**Karl Bennison '87** (criminal justice), '96MBA was promoted to chief of the Enforcement Division for the Nevada Gaming Control Board. Karl has worked for the regulating body for more than 18 years, where he began his career as an agent in the Reno enforcement office and was most recently deputy chief for the Northern Nevada Enforcement offices. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy and completed advanced course work offered by the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education Program. He is a member of the Nevada Sheriffs and Chiefs Association, FBI National Academy Associates and International Association of Chiefs of Police. He holds a Peace Officers Standards and Training Executive Certificate. From



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Lee Scarlett '91



Molly Rezac '94

1982 to 1996, he served in the Army Reserve and Nevada National Guard. He was a helicopter pilot, achieved the rank of captain, and was a company commander.

## '90s

**Lee Scarlett '91** (history) was named 2013 Best Builder by the readers of *Celebrate Arkansas Magazine*. Lee's company, Celtic Construction, which he founded in 1994, was also named Builder of the Year for the fourth consecutive year in *CitiScapes* magazine. In 2013 and 2012, Celtic Construction earned back-to-back wins in the Parade of Homes, America's Top Ten, Talk of the Town, and

Houzz.com design awards. Celtic was also named a 2012 Top Ten Builder for the State of Arkansas by *At Home in Arkansas* magazine. Lee is an Energy Star Building Partner, EPA Air Quality Builder, a member of the Home Builder Assoc., and the Better Business Bureau of Arkansas with an A+ rating. He lives in northwest Arkansas with his wife of 18 years and their three daughters.

**Molly Rezac '94** (psychology) has been elected to a two-year term as president of the board of directors for Step2, Inc. The news was announced by Gordon Silver Ltd. in September and Molly is a shareholder in the firm's Reno office. Her practice focuses on

all types of employment litigation matters including discrimination claims under Title VII, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act, in addition to retaliation claims, wrongful discharge claims, Family and Medical Leave Act claims, breach of contract claims and claims involving workplace torts. She practices before all federal and state agencies charged with enforcement of these statutes and represents clients in courtroom litigation. Molly received her J.D. from the University of Texas Law School and her bachelor's, with distinction, from the University of Nevada, Reno.

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## Nevada Alumni Association honors Fall 2013 Senior Scholars

More than 100 family, friends, college deans and others from the University of Nevada, Reno's administration joined the Nevada Alumni Association in honoring the Fall Senior Scholars Dec. 5. These top graduating seniors from each school or college at Nevada were recognized for their hard work and dedication throughout their collegiate journey. The faculty mentor who had the most impact on their academic career at the University was honored as well. *BACK ROW: Senior Scholar Mentors Tammy Abernathy, Sarah Cummings, Caesar Andrews, Victor Vasquez, Alexander van der Linden, Robert Harvey, Erik Schoen and Michael Ekedahl. FRONT ROW: Senior Scholars Megan Mareno, Andrea Pham, Nicholas Stack, David Graves, Dae Hahm, Carmel Papworth-Barnum, Sravya Challa and Meckel Christiansen.*

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**David Graves**

Mentor: Victor Vasquez

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*College of Liberal Arts*

**Carmel Papworth-Barnum**

Mentor: Erik Schoen

**GPA 4.0**

*College of Agriculture, Biotechnology  
and Natural Resources*

**Dae Hahm**

Mentor: Robert Harvey

**GPA 4.0**

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**Nicholas Stack**

Mentor: Caesar Andrews

**GPA 3.951**

*Division of Health Sciences*

**Andrea Pham**

Mentor: Sarah Cummings

**GPA 3.96**

*College of Science*

**Sravya Challa**

Mentor: Alexander van der Linden

**GPA 3.953**



Trina Magoon '94

**Trina Magoon '94** (civil engineering) has been appointed president of the American Society of Civil Engineers' (ASCE) Truckee Meadows Branch for the 2013/2014 year. She is a senior water resources engineer for Stantec and has been on the board since 2008. Working with fellow board members,

Trina will be responsible for continuing the organization's mission to educate the public about the impact of civil engineering while promoting best practices within the industry. She is also a member of the American Public Works Association, the Nevada Water Resources Association and the Floodplain

Management Association. As a practitioner, she has contributed to hundreds of water resource-related projects throughout Nevada and California. Trina has won several

## Kickin' it with K-von | Know Your Heckler

All comedians have to deal with hecklers. Done correctly, the results can be amazing and hilarious. By contrast, a wrong move can ruin the mood of the entire show. I've outlined the different types of hecklers to demonstrate what a comic might be up against:

### THE "I'M SO PRETTY I'LL MAKE LOTS OF NOISE SO THAT PEOPLE NOTICE I'M SITTING HERE" HECKLER

**Why she's tough:** Because it's hard to rationalize with someone who doesn't have a brain. She can't stand the idea of entering a dark room and watching someone else while sitting quietly for a whole hour. She can't control her outbursts because the thought of no one paying attention to her is like a threat to her whole existence. While one of these is bad enough, it becomes even worse when they join evil forces in a group known as a "bachelorette party."

**How to deal with it:** Give her a little attention in small doses and keep complimenting her looks.

### THE "I'M SO DRUNK I CAN BE AS LOUD AND RUDE AS I WANT" HECKLER

**Why they're tough:** For one, they are drunk, loud and rude. Secondly, they usually come in a pack. Once a small pocket of people is distracted it can send a damaging ripple through your whole crowd if you don't address it correctly.

**How to deal with it:** Joke with them a bit but if it becomes unbearable, ask the staff: "Can we get this guy a 'cup of coffee?'" That's comedy code for "kick them out."

### THE "SUPER-SUPPORTIVE SOCCER MOM" HECKLER

**Why she's tough:** She is being loud and nice at the same time. She is clapping it up while others in the crowd are silent. She is shouting words of encouragement like "Ohhh, come on you guys. That was good!" "Keep going!" "You are doing so great!" She'll even fake laugh for you at the wrong time to help get your show going (whether you need it or not). If you tell her to "SHUT UP," you look like the jerk. But you also can't concentrate because she's being ... well, too loud and too nice.

**How to deal with it:** Announce, "Ladies and gentleman, I want to thank my mom for coming tonight." Then look at her and say, "Quit protecting me from all these bullies; I'm a big boy now."

### THE "I'M GOING TO HECKLE WHILE HE'S TALKING, BUT CLAM UP WHEN HE ADDRESSES ME" HECKLER

**Why he's tough:** He is too loud to talk over, but becomes completely silent when you ask "Who is talking?" We all know you can't fight an enemy you can't see. This guy is like Nightcrawler from the "X-Men" movie. Right when you go to take a swing—poof!—he disappears, leaving you floundering mid-air, looking foolish.

**How to deal with it:** Steamroll him. You have the microphone and the speaker system . . . Use it!

### THE "I FEEL BAD FOR THE RACE/GENDER/ SPECIES/ OR CELEBRITY YOU JUST MADE FUN OF" HECKLER



Photo by Kevin Meezzi

**Why they're tough:** These people are overly sensitive and didn't get the memo that they're at a comedy show. They don't understand the basic concept that jokes aren't to be taken seriously. Make fun of something and they say "awwwwwwhhhh"—that ouchie sound that people curiously also make when they've just seen a puppy. Comedians hate this because too many "awwhhhhhh's" and the audience will start feeling bad instead of just laughing.

**How to deal with it:** Tell them that the "Organization of Political Correctness" meets at comedy clubs on Monday nights only.

### THE "I WILL STAND UP IN FRONT OF ALL THESE PEOPLE AND SAY 'YOU SUCK!'" HECKLER

**Why he's tough:** Because he's obviously not afraid of you and can likely beat you up.

**How to deal with it:** Run.

*K-von '03 (marketing) is a proud Nevada alum and comedian. Check out his upcoming performance dates [www.K-vonComedy.com](http://www.K-vonComedy.com).*



industry awards during her 20-year career as an engineer, including five project accolades from ASCE and a designation as 2002 Young Engineer of the Year from the National Society of Professional Engineers.

**Erhardt H.L. Preitauer '96** (finance) has been named senior vice president, government programs for Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. He will manage Horizon BCBSNJ's Medicare and Medigap businesses and also serve as chief executive officer of Horizon NJ Health, the state's largest Medicaid plan. Before joining Horizon BCBSNJ, Erhardt served as central region head of Aetna Medicaid, where he held responsibility for institutional and community-based long-term care, behavioral health and integrated Medicaid and Medicare pro-

grams. Prior to that, he served as president of 'Ohana Health Plan, providing Medicaid and Medicare plans in Hawaii.

**Greg Newman** (attended 1990-98) produced the 1000th episode of *The House Detective* in November. The program was created by Nevada Broadcasting Hall of Famer Cy Newman in the early '50s. Starting in 1994, Cy's son Dave Newman brought the show to Reno. Dave hosted the program until 2009, at which time his son Greg, the third generation "House Detective" took over the program. Dave and Greg's company, Bubba Newman Productions, has produced many other programs over the past 20 years. The programs primarily cover real estate, from Reno to Sacramento and even a Mexico edition. Along with producing the House Detec-

tive each week he produces two network programs, Wild Fish Wild Places, an international travel and fishing program seen on WFN and The Birdmen, a waterfowl-hunting program on The Sportsman Channel. Greg and his wife, Amy (Caudill) Newman '93 (journalism), live in Reno with their son and daughter.

## '00s

**Paul Thomsen '01** (political science), '10MPA (public administration and policy) has been appointed as director of the Nevada Office of Energy. He has served as director at Ormat Technologies since 2005, and was previously a legislative assistant at Lionel Sawyer & Collins. Paul has served as a regional representative for U. S. Sen. Harry Reid and

## Wolfcubs



**Julie Kelly '00** (speech pathology) and her husband, Gabe, would like to welcome their second future Nevada grad, Arthur John Kelly. Born on March 15, 2013, he joins his sister Ilya in the Wolf Pack family.



**Amber (McKenzie) Kellner '02** (social studies) and Dean Kellner welcomed Deegan Kade Kellner on Aug. 8, 2013. He was 7lbs, 12oz and was 21" long.



**James L. Mann '03** (biology) and **Crista Jacobe-Mann '03** (biology) proudly announce the birth of their baby girl, Ellie Lynne Mann, born July 27, 2013.



**JW Lazzari '05** (management), '09M.A. (counseling and educational psychology) and **Cassandra Lazzari '06** (English writing) proudly announce the birth of their baby girl, Audrey Lee Lazzari, who joined their lives on June 18, 2013.



**Christina (Pasquetti) Potter '05** (nursing) and Michael Potter would like to announce the birth of their son, Sebastian Matthew Potter, on September 4, 2013.



**Cortney Maddock Webb '08** (journalism) and **Lars Webb '09** (history), '13 M.D. are overjoyed to announce the birth of their son, Rowan Michael Webb, born July 7, 2013.



Allan J. Stockinger '07M.S.




Megan Duggan '10

was a legislative correspondent for U. S. Sen. Richard H. Bryan. As director at Ormat, he directs the company's federal, state and local legislative, regulatory and strategic public relations programs and geothermal project development in the U.S. While serving as Ormat's principal liaison with legislators, organizations, advocacy groups and media, Paul also creates, coordinates and implements policy objectives among national associations to expand market opportunities.

**Kristen Haberthur '06** (biochemistry) recently defended her Ph.D. dissertation at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Ore., and has subsequently accepted a post-doctoral fellowship position at

Seattle Children's Research Institute in the laboratory of Courtney Crane, M.D.

**Allan J. Stockinger '07M.S.** (environmental science & health) is working at Brescia University in Owensboro, Ky., as the laboratory coordinator and instructor, acting as the chemical hygiene officer, serving on the safety committee and preparing the chemistry labs every week. In addition, his instructional duties include general chemistry laboratories and environmental science lectures. Allan is in the process of starting a Knights of Columbus council on campus, as well as earning a second master's degree in management.

**Megan Duggan '10** (journalism) accepted a position with Noble Studios as strategy coordinator. Megan works closely with internal teams to develop and implement forward-thinking digital marketing campaigns. 

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## Chapter Updates



LEFT: Mirna Martinovic '98, Tya Mathis '04, Tierra Jones '03 and Hellen Quan-Lopez '98 attend the Black Alumni Chapter's Nevada vs. Florida State viewing party Sept. 14 at Scooter's Pub in Las Vegas. TOP: The current Nevada Spirit Squad stopped by the Cheer, Stunt, Dance and Mascot Alumni Chapter's Homecoming Tailgate Oct. 26. MIDDLE: The Native American Alumni Chapter's infamous Halloween Mystery Bus made a stop at the Lil' Wal Oct. 19 before heading to its final destination, Virginia City. RIGHT: Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter members pose for posterity Oct. 24 at the Santa Fe Basque Restaurant.



### Black Alumni Chapter

Tya Mathis '04, [unrgurlie@aol.com](mailto:unrgurlie@aol.com)

The Black Alumni Chapter joined fellow Nevada alumni Sept. 14 at Scooter's Pub in Las Vegas to watch the Nevada vs. Florida State football game. Even though the Pack wasn't victorious, alumni enjoyed cheering on the team in their silver and blue gear.

Black Alumni Chapter members, friends and family teamed up with Funnel Cake Café to raise money for scholarships during First Friday Las Vegas Oct. 4. Everyone enjoyed the tasty treats and great company.

In the spring, our chapter hopes to join forces with Nevada alumni from across the Las Vegas Valley to create the Southern Nevada Alumni Chapter. To learn more, please contact Tya Mathis, [unrgurlie@aol.com](mailto:unrgurlie@aol.com).

### Cheer, Stunt, Dance and Mascot Alumni Chapter

Elliot E. Sparkman '04, [eesparkman@gmail.com](mailto:eesparkman@gmail.com)

More than three decades of alumni attended the Cheer, Stunt, Dance and Mascot Alumni Chapter's third annual Homecoming reunion Oct. 25-26. Homecoming events included a Friday night social at the Wolf Den, tailgate party (complete with a visit from the current spirit team) and halftime field introduction. This year's events were the most well attended ever.

Hussong's Cantina, located inside the Silver Legacy, hosted our first Cheers to Happy Hour fundraiser Oct. 2, allowing us to raise \$1,200 toward replacing the cheer practice floor.

Many thanks to the generous sponsors who supported our 2013 events: Black Dot Vodka, Bud Light, Camelot Party Rentals, Creative Coverings, Famous Dave's, Hussong's Cantina, Silver and Blue Outfitters and the Wolf Den. To learn more, please visit [alumni.unr.edu](http://alumni.unr.edu) or contact Elliot E. Sparkman, [eesparkman@gmail.com](mailto:eesparkman@gmail.com). GO PACK!

### Fallon Alumni Chapter

Tina (Luke) Dakin '71, '84M.Ed., [jtdakin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jtdakin@sbcglobal.net)

For the first home football game on September 7th we packed a bus to the game. It was a beautiful day to enjoy the excitement of the new season. The monthly meetings are always fun and any grad is welcome to participate. We meet at 6 PM the first Wednesday of each month at the Pizza Barn in Fallon.

The Fallon group is beginning a new focus for the next year by concentrating on student recruitment to UNR from Fallon and Fernley and sponsoring some local events like "tailgates" at the Pizza Barn where Alumni can gather, cheer for the Wolf Pack, support the group and just have fun.

Check out our Facebook page University of Nevada Alumni Association, Fallon Chapter for more information if you'd like to join us.

### Honors Alumni Chapter

Tamara Valentine, [tvalenti@unr.edu](mailto:tvalenti@unr.edu)

The Honors Program is conducting a survey of best practices in alumni relations to better serve our students while they are here and after they graduate. This process includes contacting various alumni associations, other honors programs and national organizations that pertain to alumni relations, including the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Honors Program assistant director, Daniel Villanueva, is spearheading the project, which will be shared with the Nevada Alumni Association when completed.

### Native American Alumni Chapter

Stephanie Wyatt '12, [swyatt@adsd.nv.gov](mailto:swyatt@adsd.nv.gov)

The Native Alumni Chapter fundraises throughout the year to provide scholarships to a tribally enrolled student at Nevada. This

year's scholarships were awarded to Niabi Dann from the Western Shoshone Te-Moak Tribe of Battle Mountain and Carson Allen from Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe. Each was awarded \$500 toward school fees and books.

Lifetime chapter memberships are now available at \$300 for individuals or \$500 per couple. To purchase a lifetime membership or an annual chapter membership, please visit [alumni.unr.edu](http://alumni.unr.edu) or call (888) NV ALUMS. To learn more, please contact Kari Emm, (775) 682-5928 or [kemm@unr.edu](mailto:kemm@unr.edu).

### Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter

Shenea (Stephenson) Strader '05, '07MBA, [shenea.strader@gmail.com](mailto:shenea.strader@gmail.com)

This year's Nevada Greek Alumni Chapter Homecoming event was a smashing success! More than 35 members gathered at the Lil' Wal Oct. 25 to enjoy festive blue beer, plenty of food and some good, old-fashioned karaoke.

Members continue to enjoy First Phriday, a social hour held the first Friday of each month. To learn more, visit University of Nevada Greek Alumni on Facebook.

### Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter

Amy Beck '09, [amyjeanbeck@gmail.com](mailto:amyjeanbeck@gmail.com)

The Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter hosted its second annual Homecoming dinner Oct. 24 at the Santa Fe Basque Restaurant. More than 40 attendees ranged from former and current Sagebrushers to members of the journalism community from as far away as New York and Georgia. The chapter honored Guy Clifton, *Nevada Sagebrush* editor from 1985-86, with the first ever Sagebrush Achievement Award and a "deadline award clock." Guy is currently a senior reporter and





TOP LEFT: The Pershing County High School volleyball team in Lovelock, Nev., raised scholarship funds Oct. 12 to support a future University of Nevada student. TOP RIGHT: The Sacramento Alumni Chapter held its first Homecoming tailgate Oct. 26 in Mackay Stadium's north parking lot. LEFT: The Rugby Alumni Chapter took home a win from this year's annual student-alumni rugby match Oct. 12. RIGHT: Robert Daugherty, faculty emeritus and former dean, Wes Hall '93M.D. and Pam Netuschil '89, '93M.D. (right) reminisce at the School of Medicine Alumni Reception Oct. 25.

columnist for *Reno Gazette-Journal*.

The dinner raised nearly \$1,600, which will be used to start digitizing *Sagebrush* archives. Through a drawing, we determined that the first digitized decade will be the '60s. We plan to create an online database, where the archives will be stored in a comprehensive search engine to benefit the entire state of Nevada. To learn more, visit the Nevada Sagebrush Alumni Chapter on Facebook.

## Nile Valley Alumni Chapter

Ed Bake '93, [shedbake@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shedbake@sbcglobal.net)

The Nile Valley Alumni Chapter, serving University of Nevada alumni in Lovelock, Nev., collaborated with the Pershing County High School volleyball team to raise money for the Emmett Cook, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. With the help of their coach, Shauna (Montrose) Bake '92 (biology), players "rallied" for the cause by securing sponsorships for kills, digs, aces and assists recorded during an Oct. 12 match against Incline High School. The event raised \$725 for the scholarship, which will be awarded to a local senior who plans to attend the University of Nevada in the fall.

## Northeast Alumni Chapter

Sarah (Ragsdale) Mahoney '08, [NevadaNortheast@gmail.com](mailto:NevadaNortheast@gmail.com)

The University of Nevada Northeast Alumni Chapter attended the Mountain West Conference Happy Hour and Trivia Dec. 6 at the Laughing Man in Washington D.C. Fun was had by all, and prizes were awarded to those who best knew the MWC.

The Nevada Northeast Alumni Chapter is open to all alumni living in the greater Boston, New York City and Washington D.C. areas. To learn more, please contact Sarah (Ragsdale) Mahoney '08, [NevadaNortheast@gmail.com](mailto:NevadaNortheast@gmail.com).

## Orvis School of Nursing Alumni Association

Jan (Pritchard) Brady '63, '88MBA, [lvcrsswrds@aol.com](mailto:lvcrsswrds@aol.com)

OSNAA held a "speed meeting" event Nov. 18 for Level IV Orvis nursing students who graduated in December. Each student spent five minutes with an Orvis alumnus before rotating to the next. It was great fun and a wonderful opportunity for students to ask for advice as they transition into their roles as newly graduated nurses.

During our September steering committee meeting, the committee voted to purchase an industrial-strength microwave for the nursing student lounge, which was delivered Oct. 2.

Watch for information about our upcoming spring event. Congratulations to the Level IV nursing students who graduated in December.

## Rugby Alumni Chapter

Kevin McCarthy '06, [mccarthyk2@gmail.com](mailto:mccarthyk2@gmail.com)

It was another great year for the Rugby Alumni Chapter. Male and female rugby alumni played a great game against the student team. Both teams showed solid effort, but it was the alumni team that pulled away with the victory (and more than a few aching muscles). Thank you to everyone who helped. We're looking for people to help with next year's event. We would also greatly appreciate donations to support the Rugby Alumni Chapter Scholarship. If you can help with fundraising or event planning, please email Kevin McCarthy '06, [mccarthyk2@gmail.com](mailto:mccarthyk2@gmail.com).

## Sacramento Alumni Chapter

Steve Park '99, [spark@ccareynkf.com](mailto:spark@ccareynkf.com)

The Sacramento Alumni Chapter hosted an inaugural Homecoming tailgate Oct. 26. We're already looking forward to next year. Our

annual mystery bus trip will be held on Jan. 25. We'll board the bus for an undisclosed dinner location, stopping at a favorite watering hole to rehydrate and grab a bite or two.

We meet monthly for lunch or happy hour. To learn more, visit Nevada Alumni Association—Sacramento Chapter on Facebook or contact Steve Park '99, (916) 367-6345 or [spark@ccareynkf.com](mailto:spark@ccareynkf.com).

## UNSOM Alumni Chapter

Joseph Hollen '74, '76A.A.M.D., [joe@hollenfinancialplanning.com](mailto:joe@hollenfinancialplanning.com)

The University of Nevada School of Medicine Alumni Chapter celebrated Homecoming Oct. 23-26.

School of Medicine alumni were honored during the Nevada Alumni Association Homecoming Gala Oct. 23: Paul Roth '74A.A.M.D., School of Medicine Distinguished Alumnus; Tracey Delaplain '83, '87M.D., Alumni Association Service; and James Murphy '87, '91M.D., Professional Achievement. School of Medicine tours were available Oct. 25, followed by the School of Medicine Alumni Reception that evening. The School of Medicine Homecoming tailgate was Oct. 26 at the new Health Sciences Quadrangle prior to the Nevada vs. UNLV game.

Please join us next year during our annual School of Medicine Alumni Reception during Homecoming weekend, honoring the classes of 1974, 1989, 1994 and 2004.

## USAC Alumni Chapter

Ray Bates, [raybates@unr.edu](mailto:raybates@unr.edu)

The USAC Alumni Chapter continues to provide Nevada students with valuable information about promoting study abroad experience and standing out in the job market. Earlier this fall, several USAC alumni participated in our Fall Study Abroad Fair and attended a resume building workshop.

To learn more, please contact Ray Bates, (775) 682-6784 or [raybates@unr.edu](mailto:raybates@unr.edu). [N](#)



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## March from the Arch

The inaugural March From the Arch event kicked off in downtown Reno Oct. 25. Alumni, students and community members joined the homecoming parade and marched from the Reno Arch to the University Quad, where traditional carnival games, face painting, photo booths and more awaited. The event wouldn't have been successful without the support of more than a dozen generous sponsors, including parade co-marshal Reno Mayor Bob Cashell '76 (honorary degree), the City of Reno and title sponsor Barrick Gold.

- (1) Students gather at the Reno Arch for a photo with Alphi.
- (2) Neil Henderson and Kris Layman '93.
- (3) Wolves up for these Pack fans showing off their glow.
- (4) Mayor Bob Cashell '76 with Old School Wolfie.
- (5) Members of Sigma Nu and Sigma Kappa ride on their homecoming float during the March.
- (6) Students from Argenta Hall march in the parade.
- (7) The City of Reno changed 2,076 light bulbs to make the arch blue for homecoming.

- (8) Nevada Football Head Coach Brian Polian addresses the crowd on the Quad.
- (9) KRVN's Bryan Samudio '93 was the enthusiastic emcee downtown and at the Quad.
- (10) Nevada Cheerleaders and the Pride of the Sierra Marching Band during the fight song.
- (11) Pyrotechnics light up the Quad and the burning wolf structure.

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## Homecoming Gala

The 2013 Homecoming Gala was held on Oct. 23 in the Milt Glick Ballroom of the Joe Crowley Student Union. We honored alumni and friends of the University for professional achievements and service to the University.

**(1)** The Nevada Alumni Association's 2013 Alumnus of the Year Major General Mark Yenter '81.

**(2)** TOP ROW: Jon Madsen '62, Mickey Wessel, Warren Lerude '61, recipient of the University Service Award,

Marilyn Melton '86, Ching Bledsoe, Bruce Bledsoe '57. BOTTOM ROW: Joyce Taylor, Linda Madsen '63, Janet Lerude and Dyanne Hayes '61.

**(3)** Nevada Alumni Council President Rita Laden '96Ed.D., College of Business Distinguished Alumna Eren Ozmen '85MBA and University President Marc Johnson.

**(4)** Morgan Iveson, Denise McKay, Austin Iveson, Gary Clemons '81, Distinguished Alumnus, College of Science, Janie Iveson and Catherine Magee.

**(5)** Jett Murphy, Sophia Martin Stiglich, Hunter Murphy,

John Murphy, Jim Murphy '87, '91 M.D., recipient of the Professional Achievement award, Sharon Murphy, Tracy Murphy, Michon Martin and Sierra Genz.

**(6)** Rita Laden '96 Ed.D., Lois Mikawa '80M.Ed., '87Ed.D., Distinguished Alumna, College of Liberal Arts, and University President Marc Johnson.





## Homecoming Halftime

The 2013 Nevada Alumni Association award recipients were recognized on the field during halftime at the Nevada vs. UNLV Homecoming game Oct. 26.

(1) 2013 Nevada Alumni Association award recipients.

(2) Cheer, dance and mascot alumni pose with current and vintage mascots.

(3) President Marc Johnson congratulates Julie Rowe

'94, recipient of the 2013 Alumni Association Service Award.

## Homecoming Tailgate

A record number of Wolf Pack faithful attended the Nevada Alumni Association Homecoming tailgate Oct. 26.

(1) Marg Melcher, Ann Marie (Humphrey) Melcher '80, Kevin Melcher '79, '81 M.S., Joe Melcher '53, Duffy Bride, Ken Malubay '80 and Susan Malubay.

(2) John Pyron, Billy Drake '98, Lisa (Lane) Bednar '98, Jennifer (King) Theuriet '97, Bill Harkey, Michael Bednar and Bert Bednar '98.

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## Alumni Tailgates

The Nevada Alumni Association welcomed alumni, faculty and fans to Legacy Hall for a tailgate party prior to each home football game. Special thanks to co-sponsors Battle Born Beer, Camelot Party Rentals, GEICO and Sierra Pacific Federal Union.

**(1)** Kafoury, Armstrong & Co. employees back the Pack. FRONT ROW: Thomas O'Carroll '10, '11M.A. SECOND ROW: Alli Nagel '98, '08M.A., Amy Ozuna '08, Sheryl Pagels, Taylor Smith, Hugh Nelson '12, Laura Kelb '12. THIRD ROW: Andrew Carr '10, Patricia Ferguson '85, Kurt

Schlicker '10, University Foundation Board Chair Felicia O'Carroll '76. BACK ROW: Todd Ferguson '85, James Ripsom '10, Kira Wirges '13.

**(2)** Terry Birk, faculty emeritus Cynthia Birk, Bill Cossitt and faculty emeritus Betty Cossitt '91.

**(3)** Natalie Brown '99, Austin Brown, Randy Brown '89 and Jake Waters.

**(4)** Emmy Rowe and Anna Smith.

**(5)** Robert Seibert '94 with faculty emeriti Rita Laden '96Ed.D., David Seibert and Dick Davies.

## NV Energy 2013 Pack Day

NV Energy hosted a Wolf Pack Day Oct. 2 featuring Athletics Director Doug Knuth, President Marc John and NV Energy CEO Michael Yackira.

**(1)** Kerri Garcia '92 and others shop for Wolf Pack gear.

**(2)** Athletics Director Doug Knuth.

**(3)** Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers and NV Energy CEO Michael Yackira.





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## Southern Nevada Alumni Event

Nevada alumni living in Las Vegas came out for the third annual fall social at Hard Rock Hotel's Breathe pool Oct. 11. Special thanks to the Las Vegas Wolf Pack Host Committee, Hard Rock Hotel & GEICO for sponsoring the event.

**(1)** Carmen Lipparelli '85, University Foundation trustee Mark Lipparelli '87, '93M.S. and Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations John Carothers.

**(2)** Neil Huffey '97, Kara Huffey '05, Denise Cashman '83, Samantha Cashman, Lara Jane Spina '93 and Lane Spina.

**(3)** Kelli Varrato-Bennett, Diana Sullivan '89 and Randi King.

**(4)** Donald Bourcier '86, Melanie Polk '81 and Arturo Villalobos '87.

**(5)** Casey Stiteler '12, Jordan Woll '12, Chris Flangas '96, Susan Rice '12 and Trevor Macaluso '11.

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# Remembering Friends



Harry P. Holman



John W. Erwin



Kenneth T.  
Maehara



Ruby A. (Nay)  
Etchemendy



Wallace L. Kurtz,  
'50, '56M.Ed.



Linda R. Begbie  
'70, '74M.Ed.



Paul T. Sturtevant,  
'04M.A.



Michele M.  
Collins '84M.Ed.



Jim "Duck"  
Sullivan '90



Allison "A.J." Jill  
Maupin '96

## Friends

### Dorothy "Gale" Baldecchi

Oct. 15, 2013—Carson City, Nev.

### Luetta D. Bergevin

Aug. 24, 2013—Gardnerville, Nev.

### Georgia D. Berry

Sept. 23, 2013—Reno, Nev.

### Lauren J. Clark

Oct. 11, 2013—Reno, Nev.

### James K. Dobey

March 17, 2013—Carmel Valley, Calif.

### Mel L. Garcia

Aug. 28, 2013—Reno, Nev.

### Harry P. Holman

Sept. 22, 2013—Reno, Nev.

### Jason Walenta

Sept. 7, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

## Faculty

**Charles P. Bartl**, faculty emeritus, College of Education Aug. 22, 2013—Sun City, Ariz.

**John W. Erwin**, faculty emeritus, College of Science Oct. 3, 2013—Reno, Nev.

**Thomas J. Gribbin**, instructor Oct. 2, 2013—Reno, Nev.

**Kyle D. Johnny**, buildings & grounds Oct. 9, 2013—Reno, Nev.

**Earl W. Kersten, Jr.**, emeritus faculty, College of Science Sept. 5, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

**Paul Macura**, emeritus faculty, College of Liberal Arts July 8, 2013—Rancho Mirage, Calif.

**Kenneth T. Maehara**, pathology professor Aug. 26, 2013—Reno, Nev.

**Gordon B. Severance**, emeritus faculty, College of Business

July 18, 2013—Houston, Texas

**Elisabeth "Betty" C. Small, M.D.**, professor emeritus, School of Medicine July 30, 2013—Reno, Nev.

**Georgianna "George" Trexler**, assistant to vice president of administration and finance Sept. 27, 2013—Reno, Nev.

## Alumni

**Ruby A. (Nay) Etchemendy**, attended 1937-39 Aug. 23, 2013—Menlo Park, Calif.

**Robert J. Compston**, attended 1939-40 Sept. 17, 2013—Smith Valley, Nev.

**Robert E. Games**, attended 1939-41 Sept. 20, 2013—Reno, Nev.

**Howard Doyle, Jr.**, attended 1941-43 Aug. 15, 2013—Reno, Nev.

**John M. Polish '42** (agriculture) '64M.Ed. (school administration) June 3, 2013—Dayton, Nev.

**Jac Nikola Francovich**, attended 1947-48 Aug. 18, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

**Wallace L. Kurtz, '50** (English), '56M.Ed. (educational administration/higher education) July 1, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

**Richard "Dick" N. Fulstone '50** (agricultural & resource economics) Aug. 7, 2013—Smith Valley, Nev.

**Cornelius "Corky" Lingenfelter '52** (animal science) Aug. 28, 2013—Lexington, Ky.

**Billy Lee McClain '59** (business administration) Sept. 29, 2013—Reno, Nev.

**Edward W. Montesa '63** (accounting) July 29, 2013—Atascadero, Calif.

**Tom P. Friend '67** (geology) Aug. 19, 2013—Carson City, Nev.

**Roberta Jeanne (Yasuda) Robey '68** (office administration) Sept. 18, 2013—Reno, Nev.

**Linda R. Begbie '70** (elementary education), '74M.Ed. (special education) Aug. 24, 2013—Nevada City, Calif.

**Sammy A. Hoy, '71** (geology) Sept. 3, 2013—Chilcoot, Calif.

**Michael E. Burns '74** (managerial sciences) Aug. 18, 2013—Minden, Nev.

**Paul T. Sturtevant '74** (electrical engineering) '04M.A. (counseling & educational psychology) Sept. 28, 2013—Reno, Nev.

**David P. Chin '77** (computer information systems)

Aug. 14, 2013—Clermont, Fla.

**Suzanne E. White-Collins '77** (psychology) Sept. 2, 2013—Kenmore, Wash.

**David K. Bertroch '79** (history) Aug. 14, 2013—Fernley, Nev.

**Eric M. Hatzenbiller**, attended 1981-88 Aug. 31, 2013—Sacramento, Calif.

**Bonita "Joyce" Whitehead '83M.Ed.** (home economics) Oct. 1, 2013—Bella Vista, Ark.

**Michele M. Collins '84M.Ed.** (educational administration/higher education) Aug. 28, 2013—Phoenix, Ariz.

**Mary L. (Grey) Garcia '84** (elementary education) '87M.Ed. (special education) Oct. 1, 2013—Reno, Nev.

**Frank D. Rothwell '86** (managerial sciences) Sept. 9, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

**Mohammed "Mike" N. Akbar '87** (engineering design tech) Sept. 12, 2013—Reno, Nev.

**Jim "Duck" Sullivan '90** (marketing) Sept. 5, 2013—Parker, Colo.

**Kent D. Redwine '93** (chemistry professional) '00Ph.D. (chemistry) Oct. 12, 2013—Carson City, Nev.

**Allison "A.J." Jill Maupin '96** (hydrogeology) Nov. 1, 2013—Reno, Nev.

**Azita Gordaninejad**, attended 1996-99 and 2003-08 July 29, 2013—Paris, France

**Aaron D. Woods '07** (general studies) Oct. 3, 2013—Tiffin, Ohio

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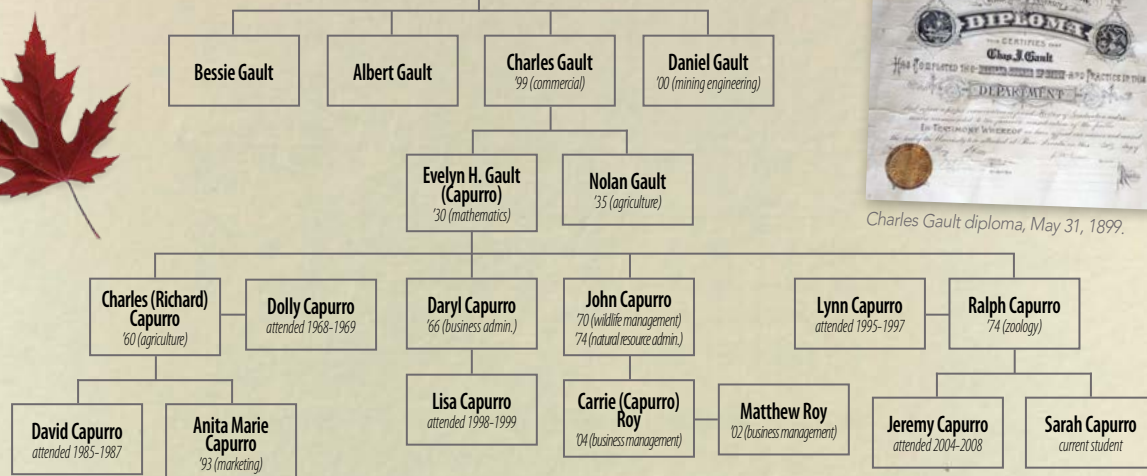
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**Michael Terence Landsberry '00** (elementary education) Oct. 21, 2013—Sparks, Nev.

Sparks Middle School math teacher and decorated airman Michael Terence Landsberry '00 (elementary education) passed away Oct. 21, 2013 while trying to stop a gunman during a shooting at the Sparks, Nev., school. The 45-year-old Landsberry was a member of the Nevada Air National Guard and the Marine Corps who served in Afghanistan and Kuwait. Landsberry, fondly known as "Batman" to his students, was hailed a hero for trying to disarm the shooter. In his honor, this year's top teaching award for the state will be renamed the 2014 Michael Landsberry Teacher of the Year award.

## Gault-Capurro Family Tree



Charles Gault diploma, May 31, 1899.



TOP LEFT: Charles Gault (bottom left) in the Nevada band, circa 1899. LEFT: Daniel Gault (in suit) with the Nevada men's track team, circa 1900. RIGHT: Sarah, Ralph, Lynn, Rich, Dolly, Lisa, Daryl and John Capurro; Carrie (Capurro) Roy and Matt Roy, 2013.

## Mother always knows best.

Evelyn (Gault) Capurro stepped onto the University of Nevada campus at the young age of 16, graduating four years later with honors, a degree in mathematics and a passion for education. Evelyn would become a teacher and the mother of five boys, four of whom would graduate from the University as well. Now Evelyn's grandchildren continue to preserve the family's legacy at Nevada, following in their grandmother's and parents' footsteps and finding success on campus and in their careers. Clearly, Evelyn taught her children well.

How many University of Nevada, Reno alumni make up your family tree? Let us know, and you could all be featured in an upcoming issue of *Nevada Silver & Blue*. For details, visit [alumni.unr.edu](http://alumni.unr.edu) or call 888.NV ALUMS.

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*Ty Windfeldt '95 (health science)*

## Alumni Profile: **Ty Windfeldt '95** *(health science)*

Age: **42**

Occupation: **Vice President of Hometown Health**

### **What has your life been like since graduation?**

Life after graduation has been exciting and full of opportunities and experiences, both personally and professionally. As a proud parent of two daughters and a stepson, my wife, Lori, and I enjoy the daily activities our family life brings, as not one day in our household is the same. We enjoy the chaos; we love traveling with them and indeed enjoy our date nights. In addition to raising our family, I have had the privilege to call Renown Health my "second home," having worked there for more than 18 years. I was hired as a sales assistant within weeks of graduating from Nevada, and have held several positions within the organization. Today, as the vice president of Hometown Health, the insurance division of Renown Health, I have the responsibilities of the entire health plan, which

includes overseeing the day-to-day activities of more than 200 employees.

As incoming president of the Nevada Alumni Council, I have the ability to stay engaged with the University at a very close level. It is also extremely important for me to give back to our community, which is why I am involved in many community-based organizations, including the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, Access to Healthcare Network, the University's School of Community Health Sciences and Builders Association of Northern Nevada.

In addition to my family, career and community involvement, I try to take advantage of all northern Nevada has to offer: golf, mountain biking, skiing and Nevada athletics (go Pack!). On occasion you may even find me deejaying a local event (although my wife has asked that I don't quit my day job for this).

### **What are your fondest memories from Nevada?**

Going to Nevada was such a rewarding experience for me. I have many memories of the campus, professors and faculty. I would have to say my fondest memory was becoming a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. Aside from making lifelong friends, whom today I consider family, Sigma Nu cleared a new path for me, providing a college life I would not have otherwise experienced. Through Sigma Nu I was exposed to student government, leadership roles, intramural sports and socials. I believe my experiences with the fraternity taught me foundational skills needed to succeed in my life today.

### **What have you done that you are most proud of?**

I am most proud of my beautiful family. They put a smile on my face every day and keep me energized and motivated. My wife and I enjoy the rewards of raising three children and the experiences that come with a young family. They keep me busy and challenge me every day to be the best I can be. I love watching them learn and grow and develop into future Nevada alumni.

### **What advice would you give someone just starting out after college?**

Find something you want to do that motivates you and brings you satisfaction and joy. I have met and continue to meet people who are in positions and industries that do not fulfill them. I would encourage a new graduate to find a career that they have passion for, something that makes them want to learn. Feel good about going to work every day and do something that will make a difference. If you are not able to say that you are doing that today, it's never too late to change. [N](#)

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## The Clarence and Martha Jones Family Foundation pledges \$2 million to Pennington Student Achievement Center

Ann Jones Carlson '59 (business), '78M.Ed. (education) remembers well her parents' motto: "We worked hard so we could share with others." One of their favorite quotes was from Harvey West: "The most rewarding use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it."

The Clarence and Martha Jones Family Foundation is carrying on that legacy, ensuring indeed that they will be remembered well into the future, with a \$2 million pledge to the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center, a 75,000 square-foot building that will unite a myriad of student-success services now scattered across campus.

The foundation's gift will name the second floor academic center of the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center in honor of the late Clarence Jones '31 (electrical engineering) and Martha Hansen Jones (attended 1929-31), whose philanthropic support has touched every corner of the campus from academics to athletics.

"My parents always believed in making a difference, particularly when it came to education," said daughter Charlotte Jones McConnell, "and they would agree that this wonderful building will make a real difference for the

University and for generations of students."

The couple provided funding for the renovation of the former journalism building (now known as the Clarence and Martha Jones Center), an elevator in Morrill Hall, the College of Education, the Clarence and Martha Jones Network Center in the Reynolds School of Journalism, a stress research project in the School of Medicine, computer labs for the College of Engineering, the expansion of Church Fine Arts, intercollegiate athletics and scholarships and much more.

Clarence worked for Reno Newspapers, Inc. for more than 50 years, while Martha was the organist for the First United Methodist Church in Reno for 25 years. Both were honored extensively for their commitment to the Reno community and the University. Martha received the President's Medal in 1985 and the couple was inducted into the University's Honor Court in 1997. Clarence was honored by the Board of Regents as a Distinguished Nevadan in 1977.

The William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center will be located at the center of campus on the former site of the Getchell Library. The center will offer evening hours to accommodate students' schedules,

*LEFT: Clarence '31 and Martha Jones at the opening of the College of Engineering computer lab donated by the couple. CENTER: Martha and Clarence Jones with daughters Ann Carlson '59, '78 M.Ed. and Charlotte McConnell during the couple's 50th wedding anniversary in 1985. RIGHT: Clarence and Martha Jones, 1992.*

something that is not currently viable with these services spread throughout six or more buildings. Services planned to relocate to the center include the Writing Center, Math Center, Tutoring Center, Career Studio, Advising Center, Student Veterans Lounge, Disability Resource Center, Counseling Services and TRiO Scholars Programs.

Demolition of the Getchell Library began in mid-December 2013 and construction-site preparation will be completed in early 2014. A groundbreaking for the new William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center is anticipated for summer 2014 with grand opening slated for early 2016.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$44 million and will be supported by private gifts and the capital improvement fee paid by students. The William N. Pennington Foundation made a \$6 million lead gift to name the William N. Pennington Student Achievement Center, representing half of the \$12 million in philanthropic support the University is seeking for the center. The facility will be further funded by \$21 million in student capital improvement fees and \$11 million from the University.

—Roseann Keegan

To learn more about supporting the University of Nevada, Reno, please contact John Carothers, vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, (775) 784-1352 or [jcarothers@unr.edu](mailto:jcarothers@unr.edu).



# From 'Go Greek' to 'Always Alumni.'

## These fraternity and sorority grads belong to another Nevada family.



The Greek system taught these Nevada alums a lot about what it means to be part of a legacy. That's why they've all stayed connected to their alma mater through the Nevada Alumni Association. As with the Greek system, alumni members expand their lives every day through new friends, programs and connections. And while we may not have pledge pins, we do have some nifty membership cards.



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TOP: William "Buzz" Harris '90, Sigma Nu, member since 2004; Lindsey (Harmon) Niedzielski '06, TQMEd, member since 2012; Shenea (Stephenson) Strader '05, OMBBA, Delta Gamma, member since 2010; Cindy Buchanan '95, Pi Beta Phi, lifetime member; Alka (Arnoldson) Armon '96, Pi Beta Phi, member since 2011; Mike Klatch '82, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, lifetime member; GOTTOM, George Anastasiadis '95, Sigma Nu, member since 2012; Lindsay Oliver, Matuszak '05, with daughter Landon, Delta Delta Delta, member since 2012; Ro Lazzarone '03, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, lifetime member; Lelani Juarez '12, Delta Gamma, member since 2012.